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PLAYS GOLF AT ADEN.

London, Dec. 5. The bulletin posted at Buckingham Palace at nine o'clock this evening, signed by four of His Majesty's doctors, states:

"Though the King had a quiet day, his temperature has risen a point higher than it was at the same hour last night (100.2), showing a recrudescence of the infection, which is still active. His Majesty's strength is maintained."

Though the bulletin certainly shows no apparent change for the better, Heuter was informed last night that the King had a good day with plenty of rest and was certainly not worse than he was on Tuesday night, and the bulletin is not regarded as unfavourable.

Strength Maintained.

Great emphasis is laid on the fact that His Majesty is maintaining his strength.

To-night was the first time for several days that the doctors have been able to make a reassuring statement regarding the King's strength, which is considered the most important feature of the case. It is authoritatively stated that the recrudescence of the fever is merely one of the many ups and downs only to be expected and is not alarming.

The Royal Patient's heart is still the chief concern of the physicians.

Later.

Is now stated that His Majesty's temperature has not risen by one degree or by a decimal point. The phrase referring to temperature in the bulletin simply means that there has been a slight rise.

Long Consultation.

The four doctors stayed at the Palace in consultation for about two hours and again reviewed the case as a whole.

Sir Stanley Hewett is again staying the night at the Palace, the fourth in succession.

Satisfaction is authoritatively expressed with this morning's bulletin about the King which stated: "There are reasons to hope the recrudescence of the infection which caused the last rise of temperature is being moderated."

It is stated that His Majesty was again able to obtain a certain amount of rest last night and this is proving beneficial.

The Queen, the Duke of York and the Prime Minister as members of the State Commission appointed yesterday to act during the King's incapacity, signed State documents to-day.

Enterprise's Fast Trip.

Aden, Dec. 5.

The fast cruiser, H.M.S. Enterprise with the Prince of Wales on board, arrived here at one o'clock this afternoon, and immediately proceeded to an oil-berth. The arrival was marked by a complete absence of ceremonial, no guns being fired or flags exhibited.

The Prince landed at three o'clock, wearing a pair of khaki shorts and looking bronzed and well.

After paying a visit to the Residence, His Royal Highness proceeded to the golf course at Khormakkar six miles away, played a round and arranged to return to the Residence for tea.

H.M.S. Enterprise is due to sail for Suez at seven o'clock this evening. She had covered a distance of 1,760 miles from Dar-es-Salaam in 73½ hours which is one of the quickest journeys on record for a cruiser in a hot region in time of peace. "Enterprise" is expected to reach Suez on Friday night instead of Saturday or Sunday, her scheduled time of arrival, and the Prince is expected to be in London by the middle of next week.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

American Sentiment.

New York, Dec. 5.

In the course of a speech in opening a British bazaar here to-day, Lady Gloster Armstrong, the wife of the British Consul-General in New York, said that the illness of

TARIFF AUTONOMY FOR CHINA.

BRITAIN NOT EXPECTING EARLY EXERCISE

TREATY NEGOTIATING.

London, Dec. 5.

Tariff autonomy for China and other aspects of the Far Eastern situation brooked largely in the House of Commons to-day when the Foreign Secretary had many questions to answer.

Sir Austen Chamberlain told the House that he had no information that the Chinese Government was preparing to exercise tariff autonomy from January 1st, as negotiations with the Nationalist Government with regard to a Treaty dealing with tariff matters were still progressing.

He had told the House recently that in view of the negotiations, it was not desirable to give a detailed statement, and he was unable to add to his answers last month.

Sir Austen said he was always anxious to do his utmost to settle in a friendly way all outstanding questions with the Nationalist Government.

Asked about Anglo-Japanese co-operation, which was dealt with fully on November 28th, Sir Austen referred the House to his reply on that date, and reiterated that there was nothing exclusive about our co-operation with Japan.

Mr. Rennie Smith (Lab.) asked if the Foreign Secretary's attention had been drawn to the extensive economic claim of the Japanese Government in China and received no reply.—*Reuter.*

CHINA'S NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE.

CONTAINS OVER SEVEN HUNDRED ARTICLES.

Nanking, Dec. 6.

The National Government has adopted the final draft of the new Tariff Schedule.

It is a voluminous document containing more than 700 articles in addition to sub-articles.

It is expected that the Schedule will be promulgated within a few days, but it is understood that it will not be enforced until two months after promulgation.—*Reuter.*

LORD MELCHETT'S DENIAL.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIG GIFT INACCURATE.

London, Dec. 5.

Lord Melchett (formerly Sir Alfred Mond) states that the announcement of his offer of £100,000 to the Jewish Colonisation Corporation of Palestine is premature and inaccurate.

The announcement was made yesterday by the central office of the Zionist Organisation.

The Corporation is being formed as the outcome of the recent conference in New York, held for the purpose of securing the adherence of the non-Zionists to the enlargement of the Jewish Agency in Palestine.—*Reuter.*

THE ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TO MEET.

Nanking, Dec. 5.

The decision of the National Government to abolish likin taxation is indicated by an order issued by the Finance Ministry inviting representatives and officials of the Provincial Finance Ministries in Chekiang, Kiangsu, Anhui, Fukien and Kiangsi to meet at Nanking on the 14th, instant to discuss the question.

The King had evoked one of the most beautiful evidences of American friendship for Great Britain she had ever seen.

Her husband's office had been deluged with telegrams and messages of sympathy from Americans in every rank of life and from every part of the country, while every religious denomination has offered prayers for the restoration of the King to health.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FORGERY TRIAL VERDICT.

CARVALHO YEO FOUND NOT GUILTY OF FORGERY.

Sent To Prison for Ten Years on The Charges of Uttering.

PRISONER ON WIFE'S MONEY.

The trial of Carvalho Yeo concluded this afternoon, the jury recording a verdict of "Not Guilty" on the forgery charges, and "Guilty" on the charges of uttering the forged cheques by which Yeo swindled the Government out of \$260,000.

Mr. Justice Jackson imposed sentence of ten years' hard labour on each of the uttering counts, the sentences to run concurrently.

To-day was the thirteenth of the hearing, and the trial was brought to an end with unexpected rapidity. There was an exceedingly large attendance, including many ladies.

The closing drama of a sensational trial concerned a statement by Mr. F. C. Jenkin that \$50,000 had been recovered, and that approximately \$130,000 in United States bonds in New York were held in the joint name of Yeo and his wife, which prisoner had said might be restored.

After sentence had been passed, prisoner made a lengthy statement from the dock, declaring that the \$130,000 mentioned was his wife's money and had nothing to do with the case. His wife, he said, was innocent of the affair, and did not know about it.

Yeo also said that he had been told there was a warrant out for his wife, and reiterated that she had nothing to do with the affair, and that the money was her own.

Mr. Potter assured prisoner that there is no warrant against his wife.

Mr. Potter intimated that he had no more to say and that the matter would go before the Full Court eventually.

Judge Addresses Prisoner.

Addressing the accused, Mr. Justice Jackson said:—"Carvalho Yeo, the jury have listened to the case against you and have found you guilty of uttering forged cheques, namely a cheque in favour of Kutz and Co. for \$86,965.33, a cheque in favour of Mtn Tak and Co. for \$78,341.41, and a cheque in favour of the Man Lee Company for \$95,142.19. Have you anything to allege why the sentence of the Court should not be passed on you?"

The remarks were put to prisoner through an interpreter. Yeo replied in Chinese to the effect that he had nothing to say and then added in English "I would like you to sentence me right away."

Mr. Justice Jackson:—"That is what I propose to do. Prisoner:—Yes, and after the sentence I have a little statement to be made to my Lord."

The Sentence.

Mr. Jackson sentenced accused to ten years' hard labour on each of the three counts of uttering, the sentences to run concurrently, making ten years in all.

Prisoner intimated that he wished to speak to his Counsel, and permission was given to Mr. Jenkin who conversed with prisoner.

Mr. Sheldon said that on the file there was a further indictment against the man, and it might be that nothing more would be heard of it, but, pending the decision of the Full Court in the present case, he asked his Lordship to adjourn the remaining indictment until the next Sessions.

Mr. Justice Jackson asked if anyone was representing the accused on that indictment and was told that Mr. C. A. S. Russ was acting for him.

His Lordship said he proposed to adjourn the Sessions sine die. Addressing the jury, his Lordship said:—"I thank you for your assistance in this long case and for the services you have rendered to the Colony. This long trial has kept you from your own affairs for a very considerable period and in consideration of that I will give directions that you be exempt from further jury service for a period of five years. You are now discharged."

Mr. Jenkin, intimating that he wanted to ascertain the nature of the statement Yeo wished to make, again conversed with prisoner and then told the Court that Yeo wished to say something about his wife.

Prisoner's Statement.

From the dock Yeo, speaking in English, said that his wife had got \$130,000 as stated by Mr. Jenkin. He wished to say that that money which his wife had in her possession was her own property and was not connected in any way with the money in connection with which he was charged. That property belonged to his wife entirely.

"She did not even know anything of what I have done and she is quite innocent of this affair. I was told by someone that a warrant for her arrest has been taken out. I was very doubtful why that should have happened. As regards my wife and myself, my wife's property belongs to her. (Continued on Page 7.)

DISASTROUS FIRE ON JUNK.

INFLAMMABLE CARGO WORTH \$25,000 DESTROYED.

BLAZE IN HARBOUR.

Shortly after midnight, a disastrous fire occurred aboard a Chinese trading junk lying at anchor in Hongkong Harbour, resulting in the destruction of cargo valued at about \$25,000, and causing such injuries to the master through burns that he had to be admitted to hospital.

From the meagre details at present available it is learned that the fire broke out at about 12.15 this morning, but no report has so far been made to the authorities as to the cause of the conflagration.

The junk had on board a cargo of crackers, matches and wood oil, and it is believed that, due to the highly inflammable nature of the cargo, all was destroyed.

The master of the junk involved, (which is a vessel of 700 piculs capacity), is now in the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from burns to his right hand. News of the outbreak was made known to the police in a brief report from his wife.

The details of the cargo on board the junk are as follows:

130 cases fire crackers	valued at	\$15,000.
120 cases of matches	valued at	\$1,400.
60 tins of wood oil	valued at	\$500.
20 packages medicine	valued at	\$2,000.
40 tubs of wood oil	valued at	\$2,600.
10 bales of joss paper	valued at	\$1,600.

It is understood that the cargo is insured for \$25,000 with the Hin Fat Insurance Company, of Bonham Strand.

The value of the junk is placed at \$1,600.

MR. HOOVER ARRIVES AT PERU CAPITAL.

COLOURFUL SCENES MARK HIS VISIT.

Callao, Dec. 5.

The U. S. S. Maryland, with Mr. Hoover aboard, has arrived here and anchored in the harbour.

A later message states that Mr. Hoover has arrived at Lima, where he was cordially welcomed by a crowd of 30,000 people. He drove to the Presidential Palace in an open carriage. The coachmen were arrayed in gold, blue and red liveries, with white wigs and olive green hats, such as the Spanish Viceroy's used centuries ago.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE IN COLOMBIA.

FOUR TOWNS SEIZED BY STRIKERS.

New York, Dec. 5.

Private advices from the Central American country, Colombia, report that strikers, influenced by Communists, have seized control of four Colombian towns.

Nine thousand plantation workers are involved in the strike and all railway traffic is held up.—*Reuter's American Service.*

VATICAN ENDANGERED

ALARMING COLLAPSE OF TWO STOREYS.

Rome, Nov. 28.

Two storeys of the Vatican have collapsed. They formed the portion built by Pius V and housed the Swiss Guard.

Fears are expressed regarding the safety of the Pope's apartments which date from the same period.

CANADIAN TENNIS PLAYER.

DEATH OF MR. H. G. MAYES.

London, Dec. 5.

The death is announced of Mr. H. G. Mayes, the well-known Canadian tennis player, who several times played in the Davis Cup competitions.—*Reuter.*

SIR AUSTEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN.

EVACUATION PROBLEM IN COMMONS.

STANDS FIRM ON PREVIOUS ATTITUDE.

ALLIED DECLARATION.

London, Dec. 5.

The storm of criticism raised in Germany by Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement on the question of the evacuation of the Rhineland, led to a re-introduction of the question in the House of Commons to-day, when the Foreign Secretary was faced with a series of requests for further information.

Colonel Wedgwood (Lab.) asked whether the British Government took the view that the evacuation of the Rhineland should be dependent upon Germany agreeing to a change in, or settlement of, reparations.

Referred to Monday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain referred Colonel Wedgwood to the reply which he gave on Monday regarding the interpretation of Article 431 of the Versailles Treaty.

Replying to a further question, Sir Austen said he was not aware that the French Government had made the statement that, from the viewpoint of the Allies, only the bringing into force of a practical plan for progressive steps for the liquidation of German reparations could warrant the suppression of military control of the Rhineland.

The Big Three.

Mr. E. Thurle (Lab.) asked whether, in connexion with the question of the continued occupation of the Rhineland, the Foreign Secretary had given consideration to the statement signed by the late President Wilson, Mr. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George, which was issued in June, 1919, in elucidation of Clause 431 of the Peace Treaty.

Sir Austen said he had done so. The declaration in question stated that if Germany at an earlier date than January 10th, 1935, had given proof of her goodwill and satisfactory guarantees to fulfil all her obligations, the associated Powers namely this country, France, and the United States would be ready to come to an agreement between themselves for an earlier termination of the period of occupation.

Spirit Still Animates.

That the spirit of the declaration of June, 1919, was at present animating the ex-allied powers was shown by the resolution adopted in Geneva in September last by the representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Japan and Germany approving the opening of official negotiations regarding the early evacuation of the Rhineland.

No Inconsistency.

Replying to further questions, the Foreign Secretary said he was quite confident there were no contradictions between the answer which he gave on Monday and that which he had just given.

When he was answering the question on Monday, it was in regard to the interpretation of the treaty, which was binding both upon the ex-Allied Governments and upon Germany. What he was questioned about to-day was an agreement come to between three, and only three, of the Allied Governments, to which Germany was not a party and to which the other ex-Allied Governments were not parties.

It was a declaration of intention by three ex-Allied Governments, and all those Governments were acting in that spirit at this moment.

Colonel Wedgwood asked if the Government agreed with the French view that the questions of evacuation and reparations were linked against the contrary view held by Germany.

Sir Austen insisted on having notice of a question of such importance.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

CLOUDY WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the South East coast of China and over the North China sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds fresh; cloudy.

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CARVALHO YEO DEFENCE.

MR. JENKIN SPEAKS FOR TWO HOURS.

TREASURY CRITICISED.

The defence in the Carvalho Yeo trial, concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, when Mr. F. C. Jenkin spoke for two hours in his final address to the jury.

In the course of his address, Mr. Jenkin reminded the jury that this was a criminal trial and not a civil action, and the prisoner should not be condemned unless the charge was proved up to the hilt. There should be no conjectures or suspicions, and if there was the slightest doubt, the prisoner was entitled to the benefit of it.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said he would put it to the jury and to the judge that the cross-examination of Professor Shellshear had only skirted around the matter and had not nearly gone to the foundation, and he submitted the witness's evidence in which he was backed up by Osbourne (a handwriting authority) that these writings could not have been represented upon these cheques by another man for their serious consideration.

Forgery Or Not?

The question was clearly forger or not? It had been agreed by Mr. Messer as having been a clear issue of which he was conscious weeks before he entered the Sessions Court. That being so, what did one expect of a prosecution which went into Court and asked them to take away the liberty of a man? It was a very necessary duty of the Crown to lay before the Court every possible bit of relevant evidence which would be of assistance. It would be obvious to them that on the issue, whatever might have been the opinions of experts in the old days, the views of present day experts were of prime importance.

So far as he (Mr. Jenkin) was concerned, the present case had unparalleled circumstances. They had the evidence as to handwriting affecting the Crown put before them under two heads, neither of which could be classed as experts. They had had it from Counsel and witnesses, witnesses who balked Counsel in cross-examination as their retort was "I am not an expert witness."

Evidence Not Called.

Referring to Mr. Dovey, who had been concerned with the handwriting, behind the scenes, Mr. Jenkin asked if it met with the jury's approval that Mr. Dovey had not gone into the witness box to give his opinion in handwriting points. Mr. Messer himself had said that Mr. Dovey had been engaged at a fee and had assisted Mr. Potter when required to do so.

Mr. Jenkin went on to speak of a remark he made when Professor Shellshear was giving evidence and Mr. Dovey looking down into the court through windows on the floor above. On that occasion, Mr. Jenkin asked Professor Shellshear to speak up so that Mr. Dovey could hear. Counsel said he wished to apologise if the jury considered that he had intended to cast any slur on Mr. Dovey, but he could assure them he had not that intention.

He was obsessed with what he should like to term the injustice of not calling Mr. Dovey when the Crown were asking them to find the accused guilty of forgery. He made the remark to draw public attention to the presence of Mr. Dovey. Counsel added he could not help noticing that Mr. Dovey was even in Court during the course of the trial. He had not intended to cast any slur on Mr. Dovey as an expert, but his presence before the Court was one of the first essentials of the conduct of the case.

The Cross-Examination.

Mr. Jenkin then said he thought they would be struck very forcibly by the cross-examination of the only expert witness produced before them, comparatively speaking. The cross-examination of the handwriting was directed to Tsang On-wing. The signatures of Mr. Black and Mr. Messer were passed unnoticed by prosecuting Counsel which was a feature remarkable in the highest degree.

Counsel went on to point out that the Crown had put before them such things as ticks and blobs. They must have been astonished in view of the fact that those points must have fully occupied the many members of the Treasury and other Government departments for many months to find that all those points were put forward for the first time on Monday. On that day, for the very first time, under all the scrutiny the suspected cheques had received it was suggested that in one out of 41 letters and figures that there was an indication of shakiness. Could they possibly favour the presentation of that kind?

"The Boiling Pot."

There must arise very grave doubt as to why any Counsel with any standing and experience could possibly fail to put that point forward at the threshold of his case unless he was not satisfied that it was a good one. If those points were produced at the last moment were the jury going to give them any value at all when they were just put to a witness and received no support?

Without disparaging the case for the Crown, did it not look as though it was decided to "Throw into the boiling pot" all those points at the last moment. Mr. Jenkin submitted that those points, together with the alleged shakiness were of no value at all. If the points had any substance in them at all they should have been made at a very much earlier stage of the investigation.

No Perjury Accusation.

Counsel went on to say it had been put to them that if they accepted the views of Professor Shellshear, then both Mr. Messer and Mr. Black were perjurers. That was not so at all. If the natural result of the evidence of an expert witness was the charging of people concerned with perjury, was not his (Mr. Jenkin's) position equally difficult? If he urged on the jury that in the face of the handwriting evidence the signatures were genuine and thereby accused Mr. Messer and Mr. Black of perjury, on that they would not and could not find them to be perjurers. But, could it be said that the jury must throw aside the evidence because of that?

In every case there was a conflict of evidence, but where there was a conflict it did not follow that people on either side must be perjurers. He had never thought such and did not think such of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black. He firmly believed that those two gentlemen sincerely believed that they had never signed the cheques.

Counsel continued, his contention was that the two gentlemen were wrong in that belief. He had brought before them beyond any question of doubt, that from the first until at least when Mr. T. H. King went away from the Colony, there was a consideration in the minds of officialdom, of those most intimately connected with the matter, that possibly Mr. Black and Mr. Messer were mistaken, because on no other possible basis could the hypothesis of a trick have proceeded. "So that it doesn't by any means follow, and I trust you will not be again invited to reject entirely the evidence on the ground that unless you reject it you are going to find these two guilty of perjury."

The existence of the trick hypothesis, continued, Mr. Jenkin, came first from the lips of Mr. Messer himself.

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Tsang's Discharge.

Another suggestion that was put to Professor Shellshear was that if his opinion was true, in effect did it not follow that he was charging Tsang On-wing with criminality? Mr. Jenkin asked the jury to suppose that to be true. He asked, "Is that the first time that Tsang On-wing has been suspected of criminality? Have not other people believed it? Was he not in Victoria Gaol for 21 days because people thought he was a criminal?" He would ask them, however, not to be influenced in any shape or form by such an accusation following from such evidence, that there were perjurers and criminals in the witness box.

With regard to Tsang, the question of his discharge was pressed on them by Counsel for the prosecution in his opening. If they examined that discharge, however, they would see it differently. On the basis of the handwriting in the body of the cheques, Tsang was arrested and detained for 21 days. As far as he could see, no evidence at all was given before the Magistrate. An investigation was made, those investigating including Mr. T. H. King and Treasury officials. Was it fair to say that that was anything more than a departmental discharge?

Nothing was gone into legally, but it was done departmentally. To say, because Tsang was so discharged, that the handwriting was

not his, was fallacious in the highest degree. Were they to say, because the heads of departments had reinstated Tsang, that he was innocent. It placed the jury in a position where they were practically told that because it had been done they were not entitled to use their own judgment. Mr. Jenkin contended that Tsang's discharge was a matter of absolutely no importance at all. It might have been different if they could see on what grounds he was discharged. Without those grounds, he asked them what possible value could be placed upon Tsang's discharge.

Returning to the trick hypothesis, counsel said he would submit, bearing in mind that it was in fact entertained for some considerable time, that the consequences were such as would lead the court to think that the signatures might very well and must certainly have been obtained by means of a trick. He would ask them, were the circumstances such, as had been disclosed in the trial, that it was impossible that they could have been obtained by a trick? He did not want to level any unnecessary criticism with regard to the routine which was followed in the Treasury, but insofar as it was his duty to do so, he must do so.

Mr. Black's Replies.

In a small Colony like Hongkong, he had been reluctant to

cast any imputation, much less to ask anybody else to do so, on the conduct of Mr. Black in cross-examination in the witness-box, but it was a difficult duty which he would ask the jury to appreciate, and bear with him in its discharge, in relation to a matter which had to do with Mr. Black's very unsatisfactory replies. He was going to refer to one very telling incident which, in fairness both to the defence and to Mr. Black, should be quoted.

Referring to the shorthand notes taken of the incident referred to, Mr. Jenkin said Mr. Black had stated that before he went to the Bank; before he ever saw the cheques at all, he knew that they were forgeries, and that he did not have to look at the cheques to know that they were so. Yet, in spite of that professed knowledge, Mr. Black did not report his conviction to any of the responsible officials of the Treasury, leastways to Mr. Messer who one would naturally have expected to have been the very first to be informed on a matter concerning the disposal of a quarter of a million dollars. Not until Mr. Black had returned from the Bank did he speak to Mr. Messer about it.

In cross-examination, Counsel had asked Mr. Black if he had spoken to Mr. Messer before he went to the Bank, and on being asked to say why he had not, Mr. Black had said it was not necessary.

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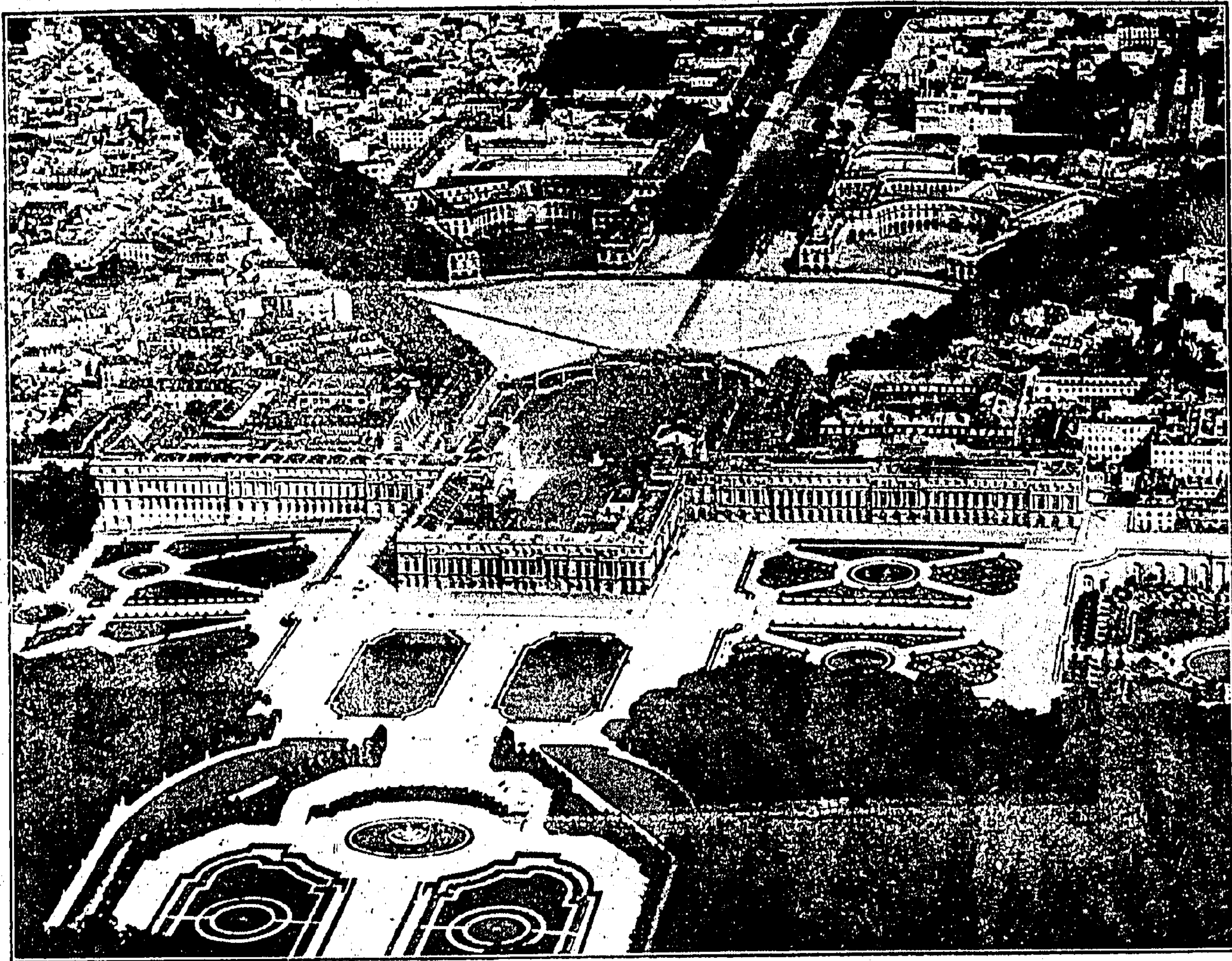
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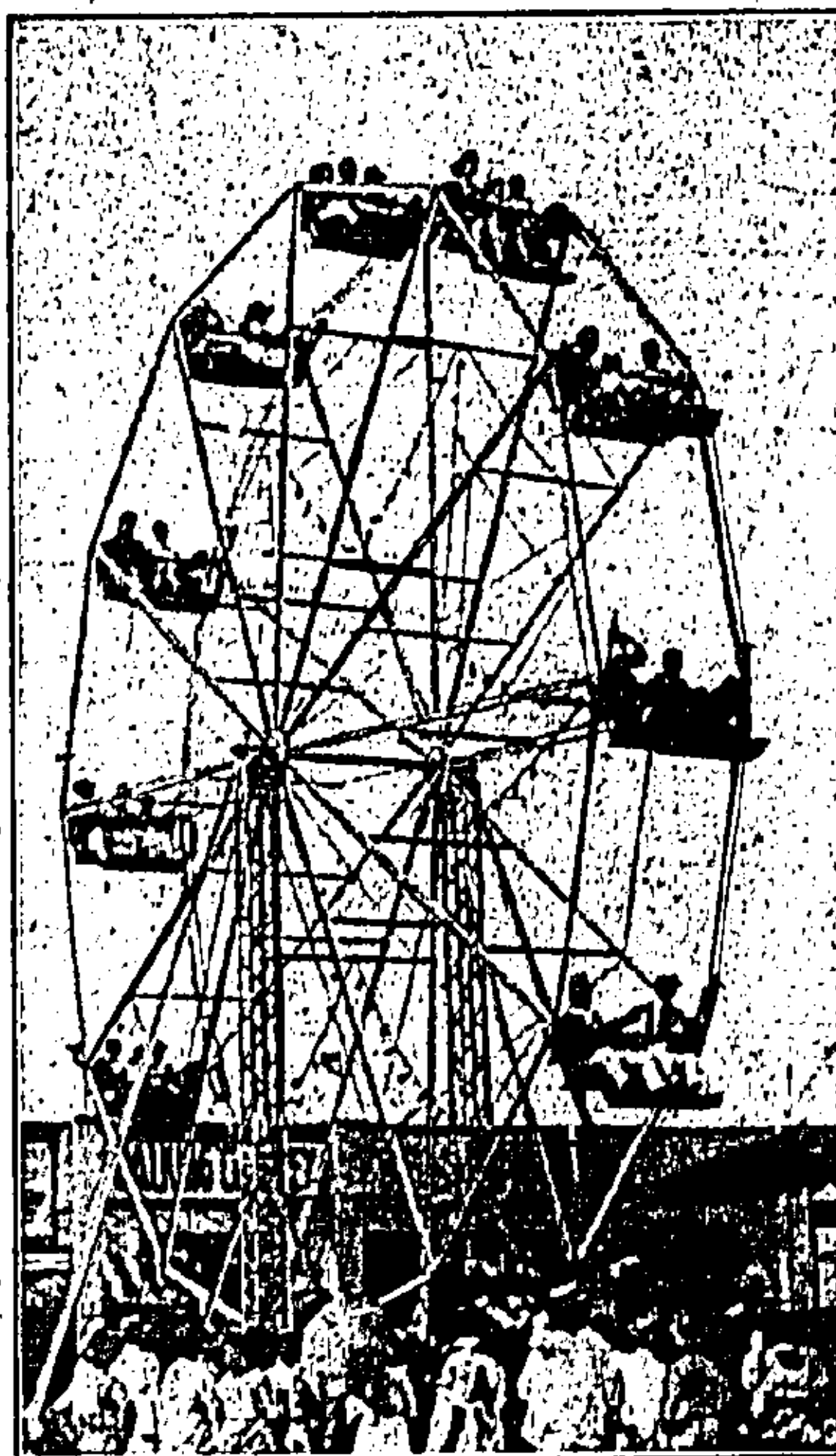
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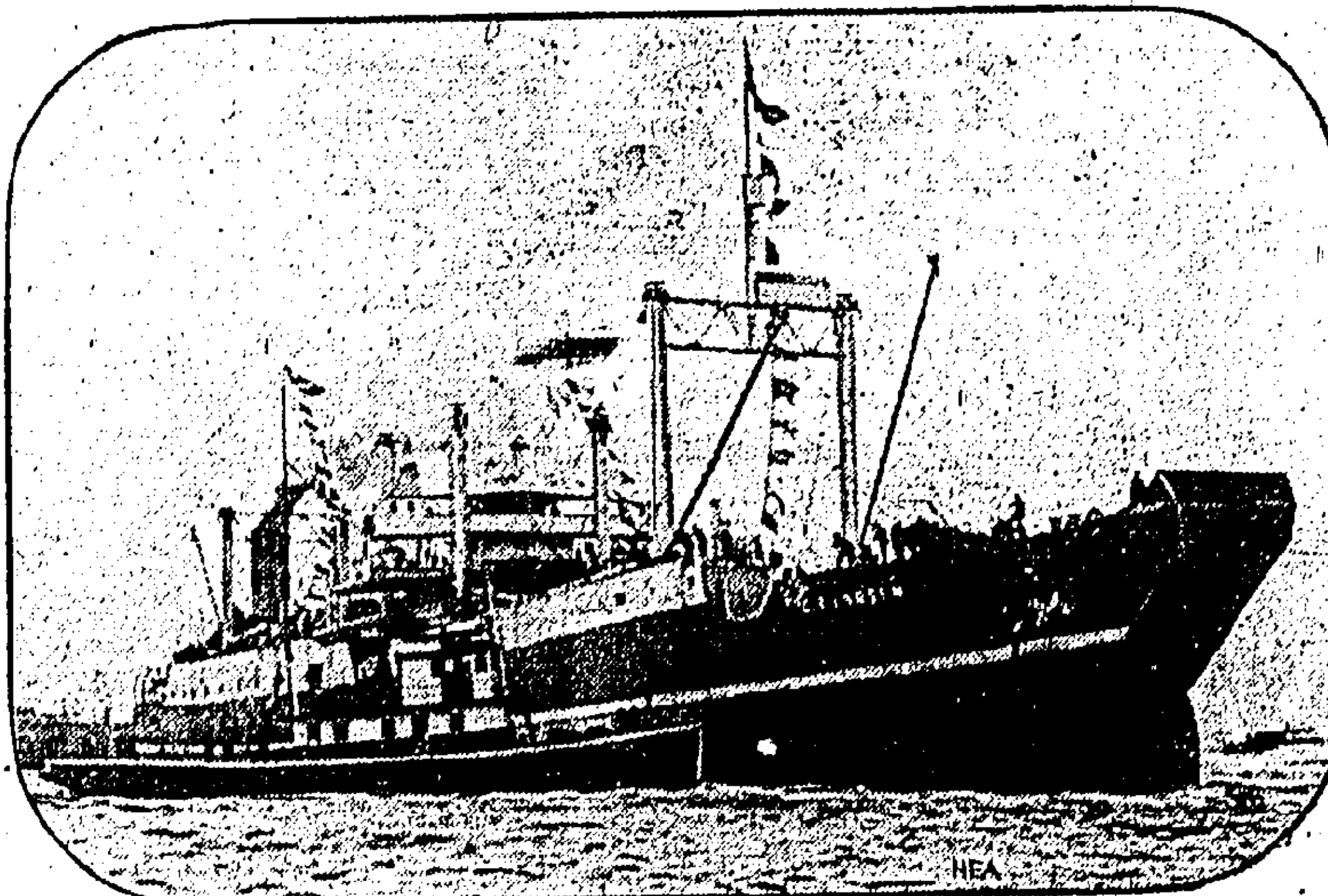
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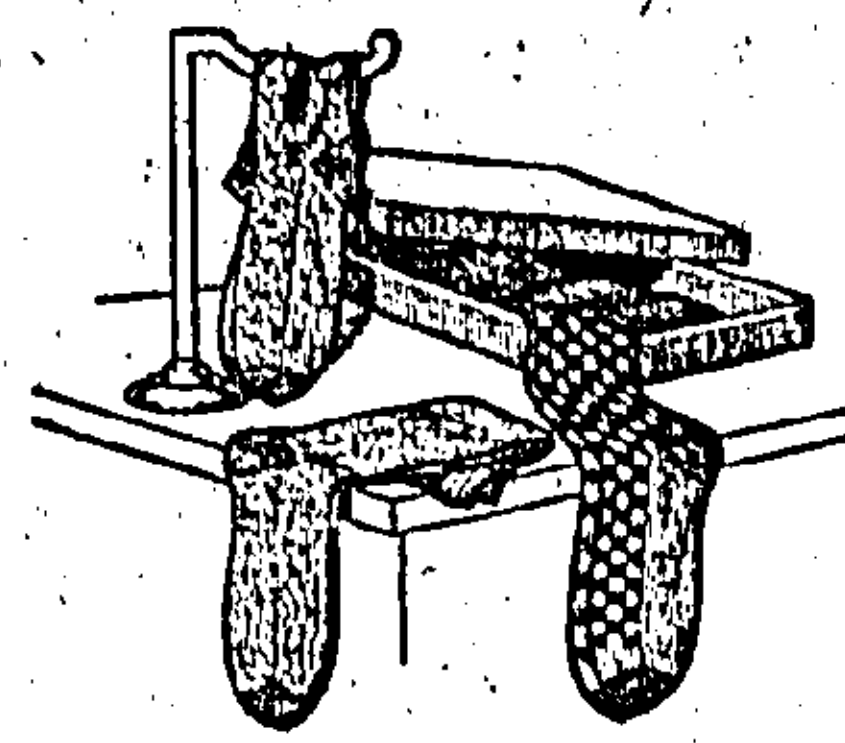


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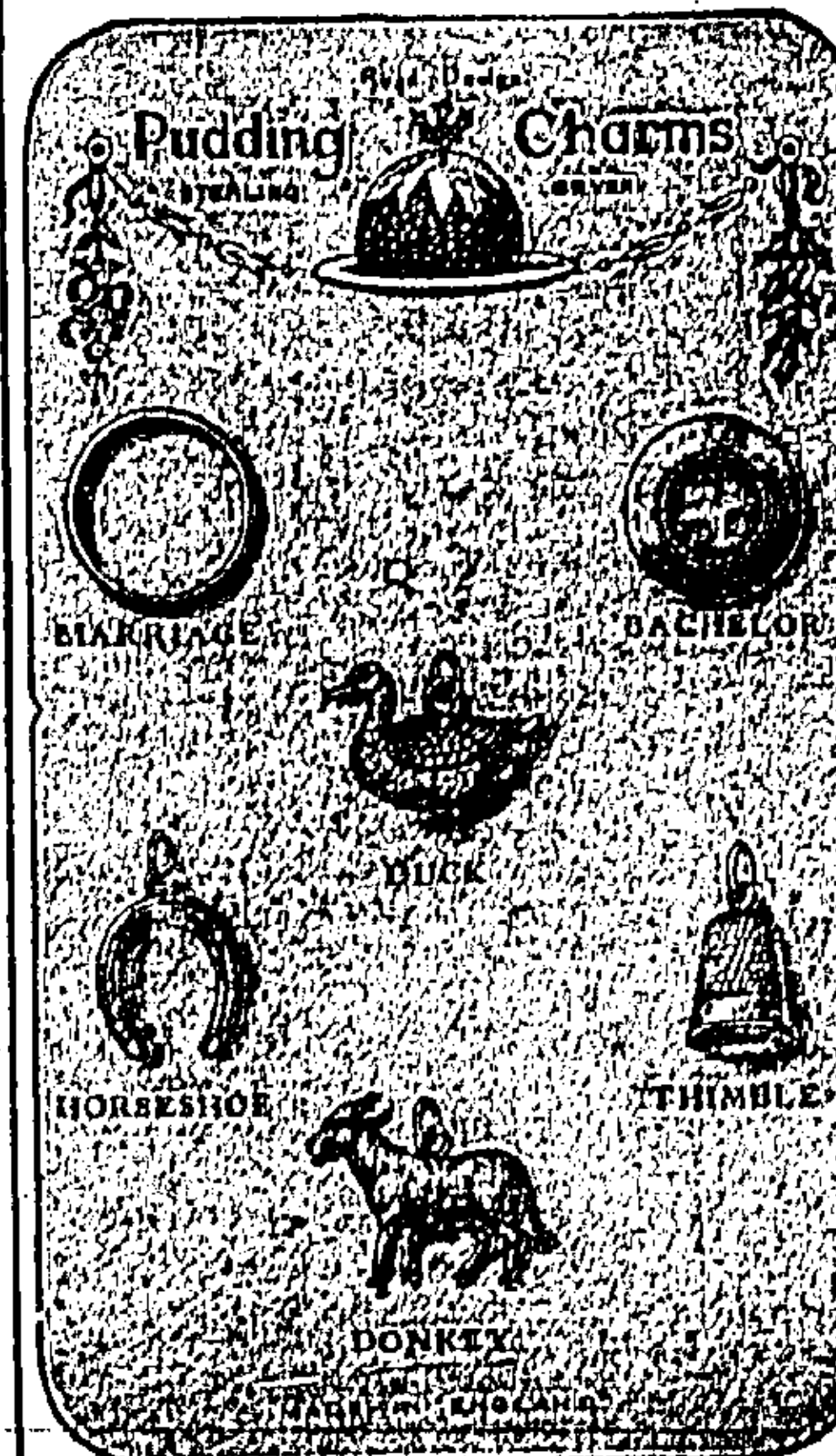
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To-day's Beauty Hint.

SOAPS AND POWDERS.

An American beauty specialist who is in London studying English types of beauty and beauty culture is horrified at the excessive use of soap and water on the faces of many women.

"I am convinced that the hard water of London has a drying, coarsening, and dulling effect upon the skin," she stated, "I do not use water on my face at all for over a fortnight when I am in London, but replace it with a skin lotion that has exactly the same beneficial effect as rain-water. Some American women who like to use soap on their faces employ a cream cleansing soap, made with a cleansing cream which gives the same effect as massaging the face with the cream itself."

The Right Face Powder.

This specialist has observed that English women have very thin skins, like Russian women, and suggests that they should use lighter powders. Her own powders are all put up in three weights—fine, which is so light that it is hardly visible and which is recommended for English women; medium, which is used by most American women; and heavy, which is most suitable for women of the Latin races.

For the House Wife.

BEAUTY IN BEDSPREADS.

Time was when a heavy white mat—easily soiled and difficult to clean—was the inevitable bed-covering. Now, bedspreads are of every hue and material, from white net to black stain, but the first thing to consider is the bed. Do not attempt to "dress up" oak in the glorious spreads suited to aristocratic walnut, or a mahogany bed in the simplicity demanded by the humbler enamelled variety.

For very best wear, there are spreads in shot silk—purple or pink shot with silver, blue shot with mauve, and green or orange shot with gold. These demand little in the way of trimming owing to the richness of the material. An effective method is to form a double panel in the centre with metal or silk braid to match or contrast. Black and orange on orange shot silk, and silver on purple are examples. Pillows are sometimes covered with the silk, and finished with clusters of padded or applique flowers or fruit.

These, and the bedspreads themselves, are not difficult to make, if care is taken in measuring, to make sure that seams are concealed by the braid. Nightdress sachets are in themselves a trimming. Even on a plain spread, one of taffeta made in the form of a rose, or perhaps a black stain one in the shape of a pillow will work wonders.

Artificial silk solves the problem of many a bedroom. A grey room is transformed by a cherry-coloured bedspread bound with silver;

an ivory room is suited by one of bluey-green edged with dull yellow; and any room may be enhanced by one of the many multi-coloured designs now in vogue.

Effectiveness of Net.

Net as a bedcovering is fragile but effective. White over pink, blue or mauve are obviously dainty, but picture pale green over blue, yellow over mauve, or even over black, and consider its possibilities. As it is inclined to sag, net is more suitable for a single than a double bed, and even then, the bed must be perfectly made. Linen bedspreads are perhaps the most practical of all. On Jacobean oak they have the virtue of being true to period if heavily printed in reproduction wool-embroidery. Indian printed spreads are also admirable, especially these in soft clear tones.

Perhaps none of these ideas appeal? Then, "make it yourself" and have all the choice possible of fabric and style. A yellow-walled room with curtains in brown, ecru, or patterned with tawny chrysanthemums has a bedspread of the same material widely bordered with yellow, and a room in tones of lavender may have a spread over which hollyhocks wander, and a border of the same flowers on the pale-grey curtains and bedside rug.

Gingham is suitable for the nursery, or indeed any simple room. Orange and black check finished with plain black, or black and scarlet bound with scarlet would be equally effective on a black bed, while cool leaf-green and white covers one of white or green enamel. Unbleached linen is easily embroidered to suit any scheme, and it is left to individual taste to say which kind of bedspread to choose.

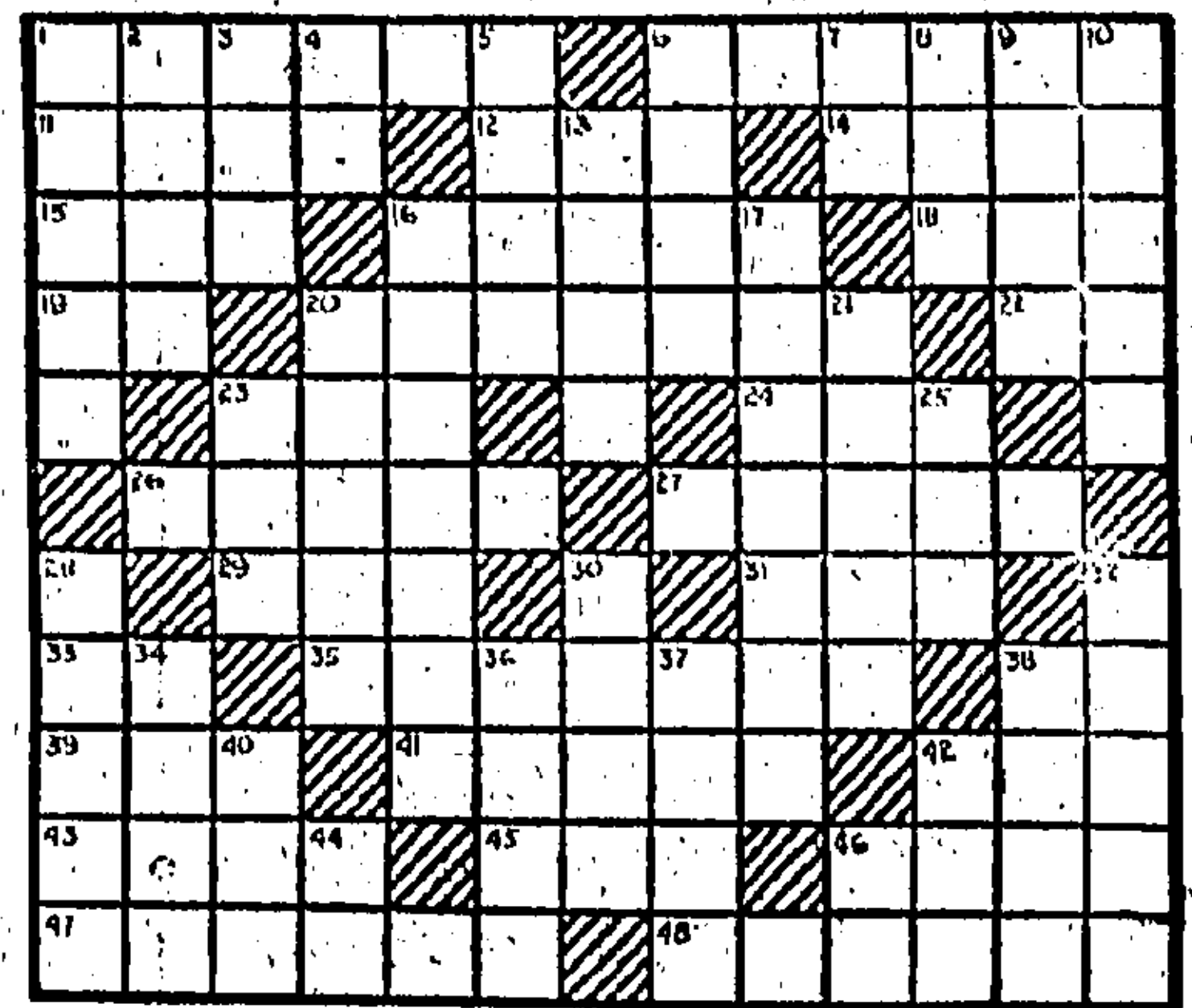
Whatever it is, let it be bright. The bed is the focal point of every bedroom, and the days of funereal draperies, canopies, and tassels are over. Beautiful bedspreads are the order of the day, and it is an order easily and delightfully obeyed.

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Primrose-colour chiffon, sparsely patterned with tiny orange flowers, is an ideal fabric in which to express the dance frock of the moment. This model gains in beauty by being faced at the fluting hem with orange chiffon, and having a hip posy of orange and black velvet flowers.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

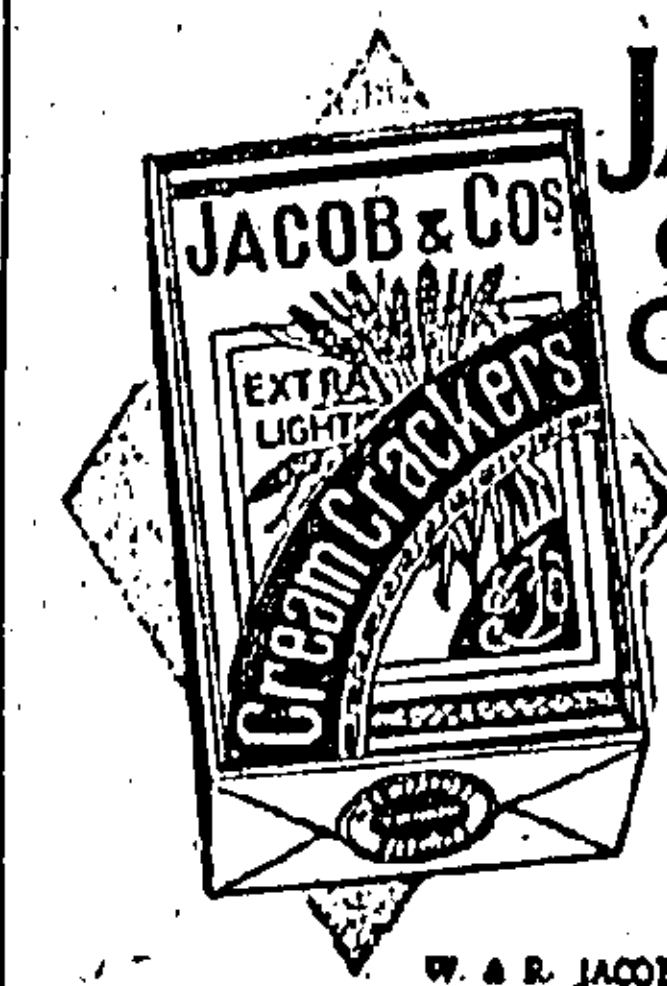
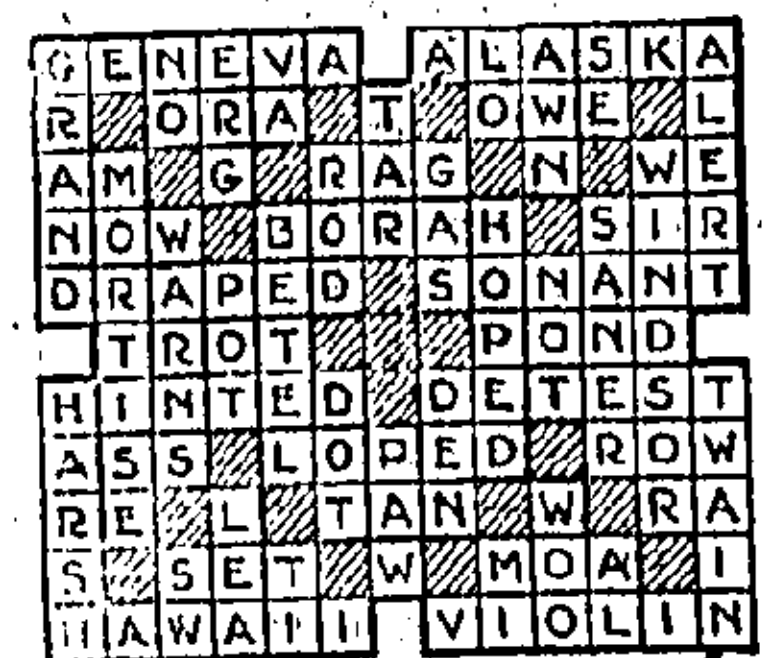
- 1 Genus of seaweeds.
- 6 What is the name of the "Promised Land"?
- 11 Lacerated.
- 12 Obstruction.
- 14 Smooth surface between two flutes of a shaft.
- 15 Quantity.
- 16 Wedge-shaped piece of wood.
- 18 Type of closed carriage.
- 19 Preparation of place.
- 20 Who made the March to the Sea during the U.S./Civil War?
- 22 Point of compass.
- 23 Mineral spring.
- 24 Woolly surface of a cloth.
- 25 Noblemen.
- 27 Falcon.
- 28 Provident insect.
- 31 To secure.
- 33 Exclamation of inquiry.
- 35 Testified.
- 38 Abbreviation for street.
- 39 Bronze.
- 41 Stream.
- 42 Also.
- 43 Similar to a crawfish.
- 46 Born.
- 46 Ache.
- 47 Inns.
- 48 To recall.

Vertical

- 1 What god is associated with the U.S. geographies?
- 2 Hoity.
- 3 Work of genius.
- 4 Second note in scale.
- 5 Talented.
- 6 To stuff.
- 7 Negative.
- 8 Portion of circle.

- 9 Exclamation of sorrow.
- 10 What Swedish inventor left his money to be distributed to those who had contributed most to the benefit of mankind during the preceding year?
- 18 Ethereal.
- 19 Special grant in writing.
- 17 Orange red bird.
- 20 To squander.
- 21 Nude.
- 22 Ocean.
- 25 To fondle.
- 28 What fruit is Georgia famous for?
- 30 Retired nook.
- 32 On what mountain is the huge memorial to the Confederacy carved?
- 34 Vallant man.
- 36 Pegs.
- 37 Prophet.
- 38 Earth.
- 40 Parched.
- 42 Japanese fish.
- 44 To exist.
- 46 Abbreviation for postscript.

Yesterday's Solution.



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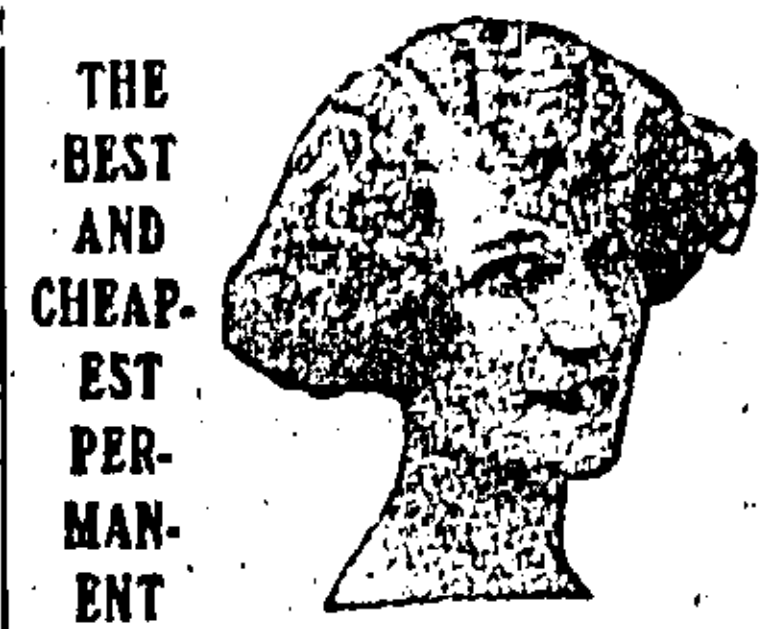
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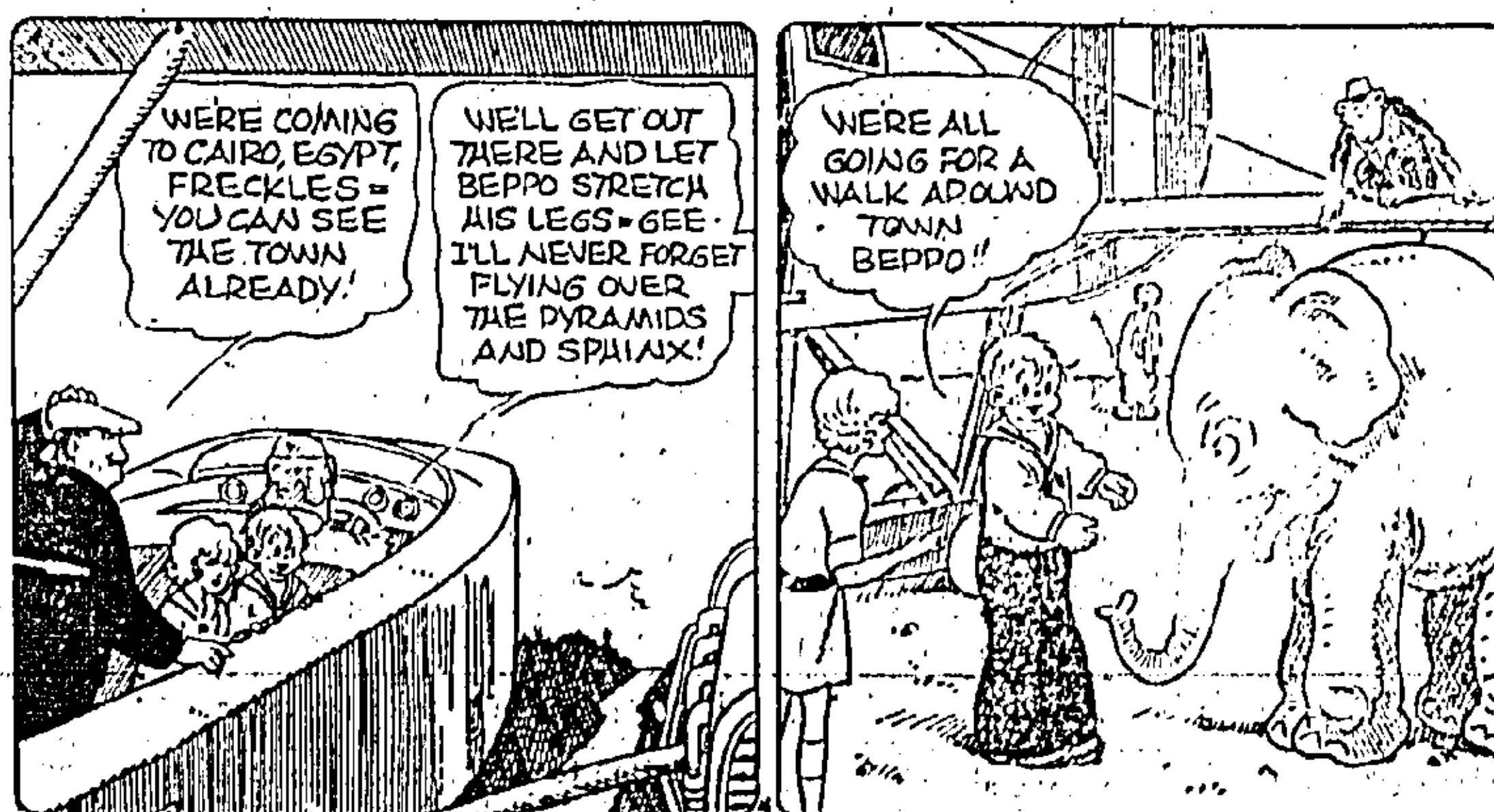
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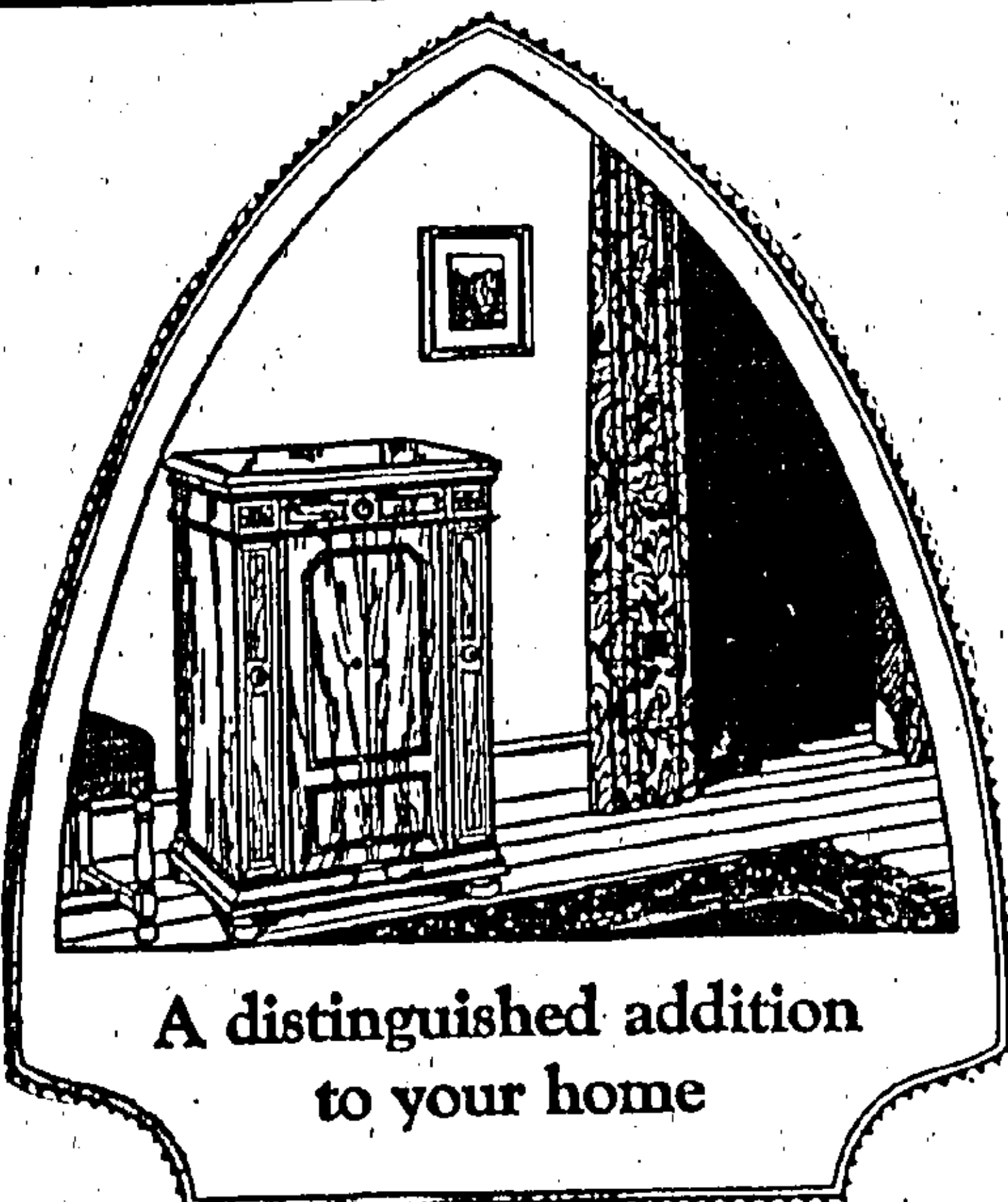
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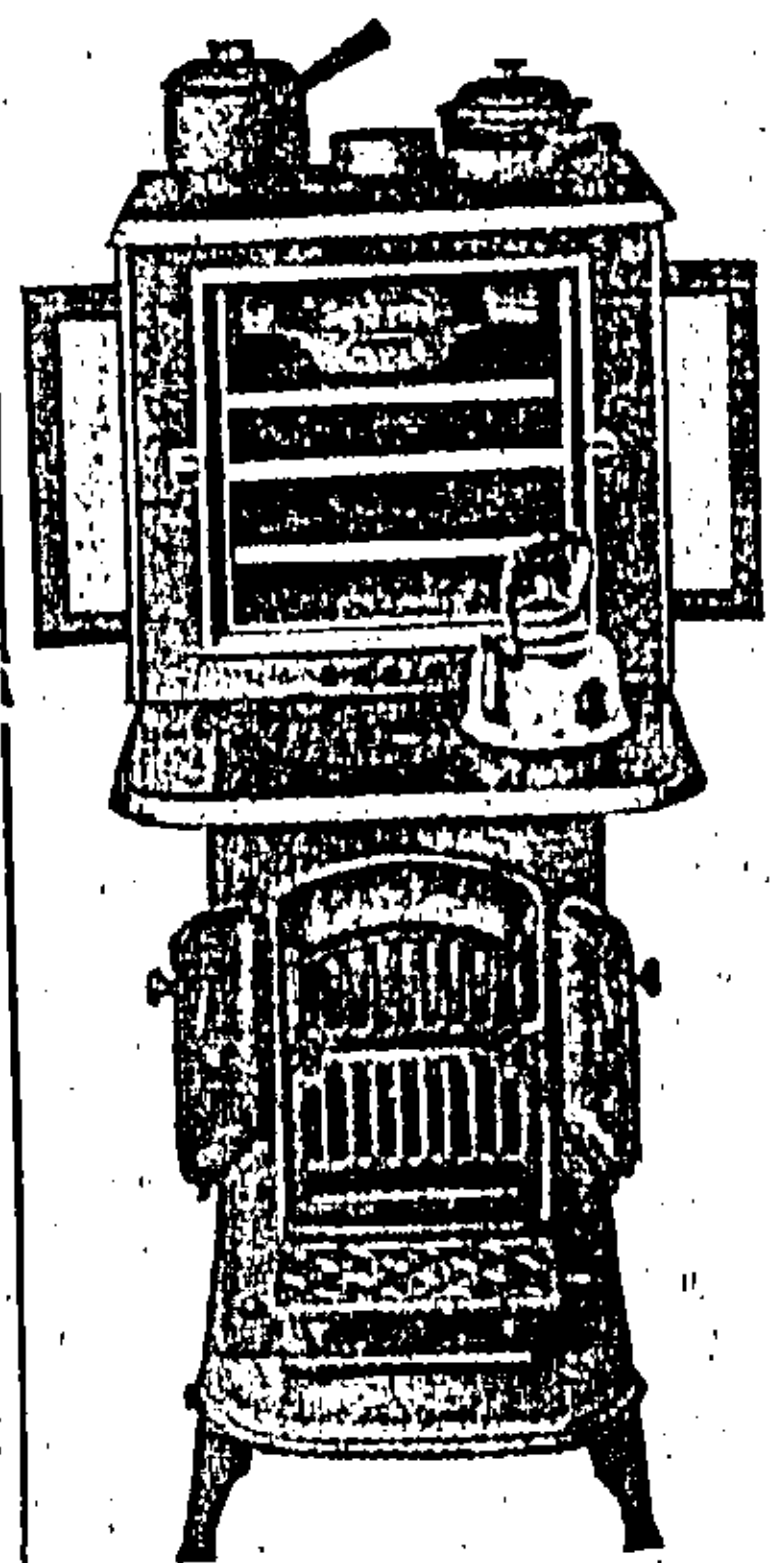
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THE RHINELAND ISSUE

A considered study of Berlin's reaction to Sir Austen Chamberlain's latest statement on the Rhineland evacuation problem leaves us with the impression that Germany is rather hasty in attributing to Britain a harsh and unreasonable attitude on this question. It is perhaps quite natural that Germany should be anxious regarding her precise position under the Peace Treaty, and we can quite appreciate her objection to anything in the nature of buying her freedom from occupation. There are, however, many facts to be taken into account when we consider the attitude of the occupying Powers to Germany, not the least of which is that there has, since the signing of the Peace Treaty, been an obvious desire on the part of the ex-Allies to temper the terms of that agreement to their former enemies. The fact that, on a strictly legal basis, the full provisions of the Versailles Treaty could have been enforced, if the ex-Allies were so minded, ought not to be completely forgotten when this general question is under consideration.

It has long since been known that a conflict of viewpoint has existed between Germany and her former enemies as to the true interpretation of the clauses of the Versailles Treaty dealing with the occupation. Article 431 admittedly gives Germany the right to demand the withdrawal of the occupation forces before the expiration of the period laid down, but this right is conditional. The British viewpoint, which is also that of France, is that it is not sufficient for Germany to prove that she has been regularly carrying out her current reparations obligations, but that the concession made in Article 431 can only take effect when she has completely executed and discharged the whole of her reparations undertakings. As against that view, Germany contends that the most authoritative interpretation of the text of the Treaty is distinctly otherwise. This is where the big conflict of opinion exists. How it is to be adjusted remains to be seen. The German comment on the situation appears to us to be laying too much stress on Sir Austen Chamberlain's remarks with regard to what Britain considers the strictly legal aspect, whilst ignoring the obviously cor-

dial references which he made on the question of British policy. It must be remembered that Sir Austen was replying to questions which sought for a statement of the exact position, and that he took particular pains to stress the fact that two points were involved—one of law and the other of policy. His statement of the legal position may not commend itself to Germany, but the point is that he in no way suggested that Britain would allow the legal position to dominate her attitude—rather the reverse, indeed, as is evidenced by his declaration that the Government would welcome the early evacuation of the occupied territories irrespective of the legal rights of the matter. We fear that sufficient account has not been taken by Germany of this friendly gesture.

One point that must be borne in mind is that the whole reparations problem is on the eve of reconsideration by a committee of experts—another circumstance which suggests that the ex-Allies are by no means actuated by a policy of demanding their full pound of flesh. This fact has a most important bearing on the whole issue, especially as the task is to be approached from the angle of Germany's capacity to pay. Germany obviously wants the occupation and reparations questions kept quite distinct, but they are obviously linked by the terms of the Peace Treaty. The French attitude, in desiring something by way of indemnity, in addition to actual reparations, may prove one of the obstacles to a settlement, but Britain's policy has already been clearly defined in the Bulford declaration. We agree that, in view of the Locarno Treaty and the No-war Pact, the ideal to be aimed at is early evacuation of the occupying forces, but we cannot see that Germany has an absolute right to demand unconditional withdrawal.

U.S. Naval Problem.

The address of President Coolidge to Congress, which has the same significance in the United States as the King's Speech in Great Britain, deals in concise terms with the domestic situation and with foreign relations. Prominence is naturally given to the immense material prosperity of the country, and not without some show of exultation, since it is hinted that the present administration has done not a little to make this possible. More interesting, however, is the retiring Executive's review of the foreign field. The origin of the Nicaragua affair is glossed over, as well it might in view of the beneficial results of American intervention, and after all, the real attitude is gently, if somewhat amusingly, summed up in the concluding phrase: "Regarding the smaller countries, our entire influence is on behalf of their independence. We are more anxious than they to have their sovereignty respected." The recommendations for legislation are few, but President Coolidge is anxious for the ratification of the Kellogg Pact for the renunciation of war at the earliest possible moment, and for the passage through the Senate of the Bill authorizing the construction of fifteen new cruisers. For the benefit of "timid and suspicious minds" President Coolidge stresses that the United States, seeking improved naval strength, is neither militaristic nor imperialistic. Since it can be accepted that there is no real inconsistency between the anti-war pact and the desire for modernization of the Navy, it is gratifying to find that the President is in no particular hurry in this latter connexion in spite of his Armistice Day speech. He has asked that the date set in the Bill for completion of the new cruisers, namely July, 1931, should be omitted, in other words, that the period should be left to Mr. Hoover's discretion. The "Big Navy" group is not very pleased, but we may take it as a sign that hope of an understanding with Britain on naval disarmament has not been given up, and that the intention is for America to show her good faith when the Washington Treaty comes up for review in 1930. If Britain reciprocates this spirit, as we believe she does and will, the prospects are exceedingly good.

DAY BY DAY.

WHAT A VILE AND ABJECT THING IS MAN IF HE DO NOT RAISE HIMSELF ABOVE HUMANITY.—Seneca.

H.M.S. Magnolia left Pagoda Anchorage for Shanghai to-day.

Mr. M. Manuk will speak on "Happiness" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society to-day, at 6 p.m.

Yesterday's return of communicable diseases shows three more cases of small-pox and three of typhoid. All were Chinese.

The name of Miss Elaine Aslett was inadvertently omitted from the list of helpers in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul's Rose Day Drive.

It was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning that the prisoner who escaped from the dock of the Court last Thursday, was still at large.

The mysterious cat which caused annoyance at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday was later liberated by a workman who discovered the animal in the space between the roof and the ceiling.

There were fourteen dead bodies picked up by the police in various parts of the Colony last night. Of this number nine were infected with small-pox, of which seven came from the Yau-mati district and two from Hung-hom.

The local office of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son have received a cable from their London office, saying that Mr. W. H. Everett, Joint Assistant Manager of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son and Thos. Cook and Son Ltd., had passed away in London on November 21.

An announcement was made in the Daily Press this morning to the effect that the date of the Hongkong Automobile Association's dinner dance has been changed from Friday, December 14th, to Tuesday, December 11th. This is in error, the original date not having been altered. The date for booking tables has been changed to the 11th, owing to the necessity of making adequate arrangements well beforehand.

The Bazaar Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging the following further donations for the Bazaar to be held on Sunday, Mr. Kwok Siu Lau, \$20; Mr. Li Ping \$25; Mr. Ho Kam Tong \$25; Mr. Ip Pun \$10; M.S. C. Miss C. M. Gonsalves \$5; Messrs. Kaynamally & Sons \$10; Mr. A. H. Ferguson \$30; The Estate of Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Gomes, \$25; Mr. J. P. Sherry \$50; Mr. D. H. Cooper \$5.

We have received from the Commercial Press, Ltd., the publishers, a copy of Mr. Y. W. Wong's "The Revised Four-Corner Numerical System," which should prove of much value to students and foreigners studying Chinese. The author claims that his system replaces the 214 radicals in the Kang Hsi Dictionary with approximately 6,000 numbers, each of which represents a division formerly marked out by a radical.

MARSHAL YEN.

MAKING A TRIP TO NANKING.

Shanghai, Dec. 5. Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Commander of the Peking and Tientsin Garrison, arrived at Tientsin from Peking yesterday. It is understood that he is on a journey to Nanking. His arrival was known to only a few officials.

M.B.K. ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

LIGHT SENTENCE BECAUSE OF SLACKNESS.

While visiting a friend yesterday, a Chinese detective saw two men collecting coal in the M.B.K. yard in Yaumati. The men ran away when the officer appeared but were arrested, and brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, each being sentenced to one month's hard labour.

The detective stated that the men apparently went into the yard through the main gate which had been left open. At the time of the theft the watchman was not on the premises.

His Worship said the M.B.K. were asking for trouble by leaving the gate open without employing a watchman.

Sergeant Mottram replied that they did employ a watchman but that he had gone for his tiffin. His Worship pointed out that the slackness of the Company was a temptation to collect and said that because of this slackness he had not imposed a heavier penalty.

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

FINAL PRODUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS.

On Tuesday night the second and final performance of "A Pair of Silk Stockings" was given by the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society and the performance was even better than the first one.

Elated by their success of the first night, the cast went about their work with a verve that resulted in a success which has seldom been approached by Canton amateurs.

That the production was a success is attested by the number of floral and other tributes presented after the fall of the curtain. One hears that the male cast were slightly disgruntled over the fact.

PENINSULA HOTEL SUPPLEMENT.

Special "Telegraph" Art Publication.

A completely descriptive and illustrated Art Supplement in connexion with the opening of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, on Tuesday afternoon, will be published in the Hongkong Telegraph on Saturday.

Ever since the work of equipping and decorating Hongkong's newest and largest hotel was resumed after the military occupation, people have been wondering what will be the nature of the interior scheme, and the Telegraph Art Supplement on Saturday will tell them, both by letterpress and profuse illustrations.

Photographs for the illustration of the Supplement have been specially taken by the Kobza Studio, of Shanghai, and the description of the various magnificent public rooms, servicing facilities, etc., has been written in close collaboration with the artists and decorators engaged on the work.

There is no question that the Peninsula Hotel is the finest throughout the whole of the Far East, and in Saturday's supplement will be found the full story of the decoration, furnishing and equipment of this great and luxurious hotel.

No pains have been spared to make the Supplement fully worthy of the hotel it describes, and it will be in the nature of a historic souvenir, of great interest not only to all in Hongkong but to travellers throughout the world.

Make sure of getting your Telegraph early on Saturday.

that Mr. L. A. Jeeves and Mr. J. Baud were the only men to receive bouquets, the former a nice juicy cauliflower and the latter a beautiful bunch of beetroots!

After the play, the members of the C.A.T.S. sat down to an informal supper on the stage. Mr. U. Spalinger, as President of the Society, congratulated the whole cast, including the management, on the excellence of their production, and Mr. G. M. D. Wolf, the producer, responded.

It is understood that the next production is being put in rehearsal immediately and, with Mr. Wolf's success last night, a great reception is already assured.—Our Own Correspondent.

TO BE HEARD BY TWO MAGISTRATES.

PASSENGER'S ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

As a matter of convenience, the case in which a Chinese stevedore passenger of the s.s. President Cleveland was arrested in possession of five revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition, is to be heard by the Central Court Magistrate instead of at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton mentioned, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the case was brought up, that he had arranged for the defendant to be transferred to Central Magistracy for trial, as there were two Magistrates there, while in Kowloon his Worship was single-handed.

The case was formally remanded till to-morrow morning when it will be brought up at the Central Magistracy.

Bill has been passed by the House of Keys absolutely prohibiting betting in the Isle of Man. The measure has yet to receive the assent of the Legislature.

The Very Idea!

Here are the words of the parody on "Who Killed Cock Robin?" written by Major H. Smythe, sung in the Mining Lane Rubber Exchange, when the restriction scheme came to an end:

Who killed Restriction?

We, said the Dutch,
We made too much,
We killed Restriction.

Who saw him die?

I, said Uncle Sam,
Reclaimed "used like jam,"
I saw him die.

Who'll dig his grave?

We, said the smugglers,
We were the jugglers,
We'll dig his grave.

Who'll toll the bell?

I, said Uncle Stanley,
I, must be manly,
I'll toll the bell.

Who feels it most?

We, said the deputations,
We lost our reputation,
We feel it most.

And this refrain was chanted at the end of each verse:

All the dealers and the

brokers

Tried to soothe their sore affliction

When they heard of the death

of poor old Restriction,

When they heard of the death

of poor old Restriction.

Woman charged at Tottenham

with drunkenness: I decided that

I couldn't walk any farther, so I

clung to the railings to await the

policeman.

"I have been married for 55

years and have never knocked my

wife about—yet."—Mr. R. Collyer,

one of the Stratford, E., magistrates.

Southend Wife: My husband

never gives in, so when I want

anything I have to be very firm.

"I was on the opposite side to

the other side of the road."—A

Witness at Whitechapel County

Court.

Solicitor, at Lambeth: Refreshment

in this court means something to drink.

Twenty storks flying in formation

1,000 feet above the Alps were

encountered by Captain R. H.

McIntosh, the well-known air

pilot, while flying an air liner

from Switzerland to London. The

birds, he said, were heading for

the aeroplane, and kept steadily

on until he thought they would fly

straight into the machine. When

within a few yards of the

propeller, however, they suddenly

dived simultaneously under the

aeroplane and flew clear.

A minister was spending the

afternoon at a house in the village

where he had preached. After tea

he was sitting in the garden with

his hostess. Out rushed her little

boy, holding a rat above his head.

"Don't be afraid, mother," he

cried, "he's dead. We beat him,

and bashed him, and thumped him

until"—catching sight of the

minister, he added, in a lowered

voice—"until God called him home."

[Sergeant-majors are in future

to greet recruits with a smile of

welcome.]

Be good, sweet youth, and let

who would be gentle,

Say charming things, not think

them all day long

Your sergeant-major, frankly

sentimental,

Is modest, brave, susceptible

and strong.

With radiant smile, behold, he

waits to greet you.

Then, in return, bestow the

friendly nod.

And let a "Lovely day—so

pleased to meet you."

Become your "intro" to the

awkward squad.

Ringmaster—"What is the mat-

ter with the fire-eater? Got a fit?

Snake Charmer—"No, he just

swallowed a mouthful of hot

potato."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 5.

Paris	124.45
New York	485.1/16
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.176
Amsterdam	12.084
Berlin	92.05
Stockholm	20.85
Copenhagen	18.14
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.405
Prague	163.4
Helsingfors	182.8
Madrid	30.025
Lisbon	103.4
Bucharest	830
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Buenos Aires	47.7/16
Bombay	1/6.1/32
Shanghai	2/9.4
Hongkong	2/9.4
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GOVERNMENT CAUTION

London, Dec. 5. In the House of Lords, Lord Olivier, who was Secretary for India in the Labour Government for 1924, called attention to questions arising regarding the Government of Indian States not forming parts of any provinces of British India.

Lord Olivier asked the Government whether they had in view any scheme for dealing with such questions concurrently and consistently with any amendments of the Constitution of the British Indian Government that may commend themselves to Parliament as the outcome of the enquiry now being made by the Simon Commission.

Viscount Hardinge, a former Viceroy of India, said the Indian Princes were one of the most loyal elements in India. They had rendered great services in the War and had offered ships, men and aeroplanes. As a whole, the Indian States were well governed and met the needs of the population.

There were, said Viscount Hardinge, States like Mysore that served as a model of good administration.

He could conceive no steps more backward or more likely to be resented than any scheme by which they were placed in a position of subservience to the Legislative Assembly of a Central or Provincial Government.

Another Tribute.

The Marquess of Reading, also a former Viceroy of India, said that during the whole of his experience in India no more loyal body could be found than the ruling Princes. He had never found the Princes as a body slow to recognise the necessity for making any concession, or for falling in with any view that might be put forward by the Government of India which was founded upon a

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

Instances have occurred in which a Criminal Sessions jury has been detained overnight while trying a case?

The first such occurrence was on February 27th, 1868, when two Chinese were being tried for a murderous attack. At seven o'clock in the evening it was apparent that the case could not finish, and the Chief Justice said it would be desirable that the jury be locked up overnight.

The defending counsel said he would not object to the jury being allowed to go, but the Chief Justice said under the Ordinance of 1864 the jury must be kept in charge of a police officer until the case ended.

The juryman therefore spent the night at the Hotel de l'Europe.

desire to protect India or to strengthen India in any way.

Continuing, Lord Reading said the Princes desired to maintain as closely as they could their relations with the Viceroy as the representative of the Government. Whatever the Princes might do, he felt they would not desire to be placed under a Legislative Assembly. Certainly the Liberal Party with which he was associated, had no desire to see any change in the system of sovereignty under which the Indian Princes ruled. They had no idea of compelling or in any way forcing upon the States a different Constitution to the one they at present enjoyed.

No Scheme Yet.

Replying, Viscount Peel, Secretary for India, said under the Government had received the report of Sir Harcourt Butler's Committee and the report of Sir John Simon's Commission, discussion on the matter could be only speculative and hypothetical.

As to whether the Government had any scheme, he could only say they had not. Any definite scheme at the present time would be clearly premature. The Government were, however, looking ahead and examining questions which could only be approached at a stage, with a full comprehension of the necessity of caution and deliberation.

He desired to associate himself with the tributes that had been paid by the Marquess of Reading and Viscount Hardinge to the loyalty and devotion of the Indian Princes.—*British Wireless*

OPIUM SCANDAL
LATEST.GENERAL PEI FINDS POST
FOR MAYOR.

THE DRUG REMOVED?

Shanghai, Dec. 5. The Deputy Chief of Police, Mr. Wang Chon-hing, Nanking's nominee to replace the suspended Chief, Mr. Tai Shek-ping, has arrived here and it is understood that Mr. Tai is leaving for Nanking tomorrow in connection with the enquiry into the opium scandal.

Following the receipt of news that the large consignment of opium which figured in the scandal has been transferred to foreign Concessions in Shanghai, the Anti-Opium Association is urging the National Government to negotiate with foreign authorities with a view to arresting the ringleaders, and demanding that the anti-opium regulations be extended to the Concessions in order to facilitate the work of the Chinese police.

The National Government has wired to the Chinese Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Chang Ting-fan, urging him to remain at his post.

Yesterday's report that General Pei Chung-hsi intended appointing the Mayor to an important position in his Army has been confirmed by an overnight Peking telegram saying that General Pei has announced his intention of converting the 13th Nationalist Army into one Division, appointing Mr. Chang Ting-fan as head thereof.

In his report of the enquiries made in Shanghai, Mr. Chang Chi-kiang, Chairman of the Opium Suppression Committee, said that it would seem the police were not doing what they deemed their duty in making the raid, though at this stage it would be hard to say which side was guilty.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

The British officers of the Kiangnan have been released; the British Consul at Nanking giving an assurance that they will appear at any time if summoned. They are resuming their duties, and it is expected the Kiangnan will leave very shortly for Hankow.—*Reuter*.

COMPLETING GIANT
AIRSHIP.R100 TO BE READY IN
THE SPRING.

FURTHER DETAILS.

London, Dec. 5. Workmen at Howden Aerodrome are now working at full pressure fitting the fuel system and completing the outer cover of the great British airship, R100, and in the House of Commons today, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, stated that the new dirigible ought to be flying some time in the spring of next year.—*British Wireless*.

This airship larger than the Graf Zeppelin is being built for a flight across the Atlantic, and later for use on an India service. Hydrogen will be used to fill the bags. It is a dangerous gas, for it will readily ignite; a fired mixture of hydrogen and air explodes violently. But hydrogen is lighter than helium, and therefore has greater lifting power.

Although the R100 looks something like the Graf Zeppelin it is different in many important points, and experts are waiting keenly to see whether the 100 passengers fare better than the third of that number who travelled in the German ship. It is built of aluminium alloy as strong as steel, but a quarter the weight, and no one will be able to complain of lack of comfort in the passengers' quarters.

The bunks are like ships' bunks and the saloon much like a sea ship's saloon.

Heating, lighting and even cooking are done by electricity. Some of the power cars are now in position under the ship. In each an engineer in telegraphic touch with the control room, in the silver hull will keep his watch. He will climb through space to and from the narrow corridor running through the ship by a small metal ladder.

"SAFETY LAST."

HAROLD LLOYD'S BIG
COMEDY AT WORLD.

One of Harold Lloyd's greatest comedy successes, "Safety Last" is the chief attraction at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "Safety Last" is a splendid comedy in which are incorporated numerous thrills, spills and laughs. The first part contains the most wholesome and

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£50,000 GRANTS.

RAISING THE BALANCE.

London, Dec. 5. The Government has offered Cambridge University a grant of £50,000 towards the sum required to enable the acceptance of the grant conditionally promised by the Rockefeller Foundation.

A further £50,000 has been promised to the University upon the recommendation of the Empire Marketing Board. The Government grant will be applied solely in respect of the school of agriculture and the later to the development of agricultural research and cognate sciences.

Both sums are conditional upon the University raising the further contributions required to enable it to qualify for the Rockefeller offer.—*Reuter*.

A gift of £700,000 has been offered to Cambridge by the Rockefeller Foundation for developments in physical and biological studies and the completion of the University Library which is to be built at a cost of £500,000.

The announcement was made by the Rev. G. A. Weekes on the completion of his term of office as vice-chancellor. He recalled the decision to proceed with part of the library scheme at a cost of £250,000, and added:

Since this decision an offer has been received from the International Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. It includes a contribution to the library of not less than £250,000, which would enable us to undertake the building of the complete library without delay.

This offer forms part of a larger proposal, which provides for developments in physical and biological studies of the university regarded as urgent by the heads of those departments. The offer has been approved by the council, the general board, and the financial board, but has yet to be laid before the university.

A condition is attached that the university should raise the balance of the sum required. As the resources of the university are already pledged to the provision of the library, it will be necessary to raise from other sources £225,000.

MANILA SHOWS.

GETTING READY FOR
SATURDAY.

The Manila Shows arrived in Hongkong yesterday and an army of coolies have been busy hauling the equipment to the Praya East Reclamation where some 80,000 square feet of ground has been set aside for the shows. The average layman could hardly be expected to see how so many shows and rides could be squeezed in such a short space of time, but the management promises that everything will be in readiness for the opening on Saturday night.

It is quite interesting to watch the erection of a carnival city from a confused mass of lumber, steel and canvas. The men, working like bees, pick various parts and assemble them, every piece in its proper place until the entire city rises fairy-like to gladden the hearts of old and young alike.

A carnival show is, first of all, a mechanical show, as rides such as the Ferris Wheel, Caterpillar, Merry-go-round and Seaplanes furnish the backbone of the organisation and represents the biggest part of the capital invested. However, the actor and professional entertainer come in for a large share of credit, as there are acrobats, clowns, dare-devil stunt men, freaks, and curious side-show people who comprise a somewhat strange organisation. These people are gathered up from all parts of the world and most of them can tell of interesting experiences.

The Manila Shows will remain in Hongkong for nearly a month and then go on to Manila, followed by a four months' season in Java, where they have been contracted for the big trade shows.

amusing comedy scenes that Harold Lloyd has ever put on the screen. The second half is taken up for the most part with cleverly directed scenes of the star climbing the side of a twelve story building for a wager. How he does this and wins the girl of his heart is told in a thoroughly amusing manner. In "Safety Last," besides proving himself to be one of the most popular comedians, Harold Lloyd also demonstrates that he can take his place with the foremost comedians of the screen. Mildred Davies has the principal feminine role and is an excellent foil for Lloyd's inimitable brand of humour.

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That is her property and whatever I have done is not connected with her. I am very sorry to hear that there is a warrant for her. Mr. Potter:—If it will be any consolation to the man, there is no warrant for his wife. Yeo made a further statement from the dock, saying that there was a warrant.

Mr. Justice Jackson pointed out that counsel for the Crown had said there was no warrant against Yeo's wife. The final remark of accused was:—"If there is no warrant, I would like to state quite clearly that my wife's money belongs to her and has nothing to do with this case. That can be proved in a civil case."

Mr. Potter's Address.

That he would have hesitated long before summoning the heads of various firms as jurors had he had the least idea that the case was going to last for 13 days was the comment with which Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., prefaced his address when the Court opened. He said they were all weary of the case, himself both mentally and physically, and he would say quite earnestly and sincerely that if he had kept the jurors an hour longer than was necessary, then he regretted it very much.

Counsel for the defendant, continued Mr. Potter, had taken it upon himself, quite rightly, to criticise the Crown case, but his criticism was not directed personally at Crown counsel but to points of the case itself. He hoped that the jury would take his (Mr. Potter's) criticism of the case for the defence in the same manner.

Strange Defence.

Mr. Potter said he had considered very carefully the words he was going to use, as he did not want to utter a single syllable which could be considered out of place or exaggerated. He could say, however, that in all his experience at the Bar, and in all the books of law which were open to them for reference, he had never yet come across a defence which had been conducted in quite the same way as the defence of Carvalho Yeo.

Counsel for the defence had told the Court that his client was not only a swindler and a daring criminal but that he lacked that quality which they had been told that even fiends possessed, namely honesty, because he had double-crossed Tsang On-wing, according to Mr. Jenkin, and had bolted with the proceeds, leaving his alleged fellow-conspirator in the lurch.

Had they ever heard of a counsel appearing in that kind of defence before? He would put it to them quite fairly and squarely. Did they believe that Carvalho Yeo had instructed counsel and solicitors to fight the case for 13 days merely because he was guilty of fraud he should not be convicted of forgery? "I say you cannot accept that," added Mr. Potter.

The jury would remember that he said in his opening statement that he would refuse to be a party to any fight between the Hongkong Government and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in that Court. He also, on that occasion, referred to the rumour that the case was really a kind of trial of strength between the Government and the Bank. He still maintained his former attitude that that was not so and said he would refuse to have anything to do with a test of that kind.

Yeo to the Wolves.

The shadow of the Bankrupt Corporation had overshadowed the defence from the beginning to the end, and Carvalho Yeo had been thrown to the wolves so that the defence could fight what they thought was the first round in the fight between them and the Government.

On those grounds such a fight would be all in favour of the Bank because in a Criminal case counsel for the Crown was circumscribed in many ways by statute. If he might use a boxing expression, he might say "If this is a fight between the Bank and the Government, which I say it is not, then I am giving away at least seven pounds to the Bank. But when the Bank and Government come into a civil court we shall have equal weights." The Bank in that event would be entitled to raise any defence it pleased, such as negligence in the Treasury. They could contend that the signatures were not forged, but they were not bound in any shape or form by a verdict given in the present criminal case. In fact, the verdict in the present case would not even be admissible in evidence.

Mr. Potter's Protest.

"I protest against an issue of this kind fought in this way, and

I venture to say that is largely responsible for the length of time the case has taken," added Mr. Potter.

After commenting that he did not want to "score" off Mr. Jenkin, counsel continued that an admission of criminality was one which had the most shattering effect on any defence raised. The whole defence raised in the present case was the question of the nebulous suggestion of a trick. He ventured to say that the great interest displayed by the large attendance in Court of people of both sexes was to see what the trick was which induced Mr. Messer and Mr. Black to sign cheques for \$250,000. The point was put to Professor Shellshear yesterday, when he was asked if he could suggest any trick which would produce 'cheques of that kind. First of all Professor Shellshear said it was not within his province, but, when pressed, he said he could not suggest anything. Counsel for the defence, with all his ingenuity, had not been able to suggest any trick.

When Mr. Black was in the witness box they thought they were going to be told what the trick was, but there was not a word about it. When Tsang On-wing was being cross-examined, the astonishing statement was made to him "I put it to you that this writing in the body of the cheques is yours, that the signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black were obtained by a trick."

Insult to Intelligence.

Mr. Potter pointed out that the defence itself did not know what the trick was. He added:—"I say it is an insult to your intelligence bearing in mind the part played by the accused in the swindle in opening an office and three banking accounts. He is admittedly in possession of the cheques, admittedly cashes them and had \$30,000 in his pocket. Do you mean to say that that man does not know what the trick was that was played upon Mr. Messer and Mr. Black. If in fact a trick was played? I say it is a point deserving of the severest comment."

"I say it was the bounden duty of the defence to put the nature of the trick to the witness concerned. If counsel for the defence does not know what the trick was, then I suggest that he need only have gone to the dock and asked his client. You cannot believe, if there was a trick in this case, that Carvalho Yeo did not know what the trick was."

Mr. Potter further pointed out that not a word was put to Tsang On-wing about his alleged criminality, as to whether he was in conspiracy with the accused. Counsel said with regard to the criticism of the Crown case, that the Crown had given great facilities to the defence. They had permitted the defence to go to the bank and take any cheques signed by Mr. Black or Mr. Messer, had allowed them to go through every cheque they wanted to. They had also been permitted to take any number of cheques they liked and keep them in their own custody; photograph and examine them and test them in any way for the sole purpose of affording material for the defence. Could any man do more? Also the defence was permitted to go through every voucher for December in the Treasury and every time information was asked of Mr. Hazlerigg regarding any document, that information was given.

A Dig.

Mr. Potter referred to the absence of Chung Man-kun and The She-on, saying he was responsible for that and if he was wrong, he was wrong. He was satisfied their evidence would not have carried the case further and he was prepared to put them in the witness box to be questioned. They would remember that Mr. Jenkin strongly objected to that course because he wanted to comment on the non-production of the two witnesses.

With regard to Mr. Dovey, counsel said he did not consider it to be a case requiring expert evidence. They only required the naked eye. It would have been a waste of time to call Mr. Dovey to speak to the signatures. The evidence with regard to handwriting was overwhelming on the cross-examination of Professor Shellshear. No reasonable man could come to any conclusion other than that the suspected cheques were forged.

Expert's Decision.

Mr. Potter read an authority to the effect that in English Courts the evidence of experts was considered with the greatest care because they entered the court with preconceived ideas and opinion which, quite sincerely, they would not change. He was still waiting for the time when he would come across an expert in handwriting or anything else who

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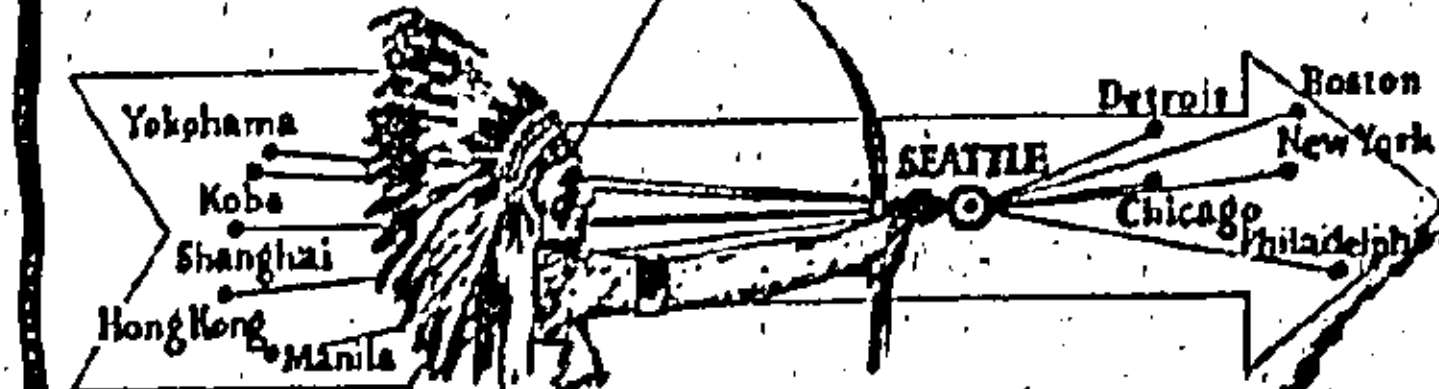
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In cross-examination, would give up the opinions he had formed. The only line of attack was to take alleged forged handwriting and see if there were any characteristics which were found in genuine writing and then ask the witness to explain. If a witness said that such was an accident then the jury could not believe it.

What Was the Idea?

With regard to the handwriting points stated by Mr. Jenkin to be new they were put forward because of Professor Shellshorn's own evidence.

It was impossible, said Mr. Potter, for a man to suggest any trick which would induce Mr. Black to sign his name in exactly the same spot on all the three cheques. If Tsang On-wing was in the conspiracy, then what was the idea of 60 cheques being stolen. Mr. Jenkin had not mentioned that and Mr. Potter did not blame him because there was no possible explanation. It was just like the trick point.

Was it not a remarkable fact that any person could pick out the three suspected cheques from any number of others, merely on account of the position of the "P" the slope of the "T" and the cross on the "T" apart from the other points? Also those three which would inevitably be picked out were the only three challenged.

Mr. Potter submitted that they could not accept Professor Shellshorn's evidence that it was an accident.

Counsel then went on to deal with details of the various handwritings, pointing out in particular that a cheque written by the accused which bore the name Katz and Co., the "Z" was written with a block "Z" while that similar formation also appeared on one of the suspected cheques while there was not a single example of Tsang On-wing having used that formation, he using a small "z" with a tail.

The "Swindle."

Speaking of Tsang On-wing, Mr. Potter said that when a person was charged with such a crime, it was the duty of counsel for the defence to put to that person the details so that he might have a chance of refuting it. Every detail of the conspiracy could have been obtained from defendant for the mere asking of it.

If Tsang was in the conspiracy, the prisoner was the man who had the full details of it in his finger's ends for he knew exactly the part played by Tsang On-wing. It was the bounden duty of counsel, who suggested the conspiracy, to put it to Tsang On-wing, in order to give him a fair chance of refuting it, but instead of this, all that was suggested to Tsang was that the handwriting was his, that he was in the swindle and that the evidence in regard to the non-reporting of the missing cheques was consistent with it. Not a syllable was put to Tsang as how the swindle was carried out.

The suggestion had been made that Tsang did not run away, because he was double crossed by the prisoner. Mr. Potter submitted that the reason why Tsang would want to run away would be to avoid jail, for if the handwriting was in fact his, that would be inevitable. There was no ground to suggest that because Tsang did not get his share of the "swag" that he stayed behind.

Mr. King Satisfied.

When Tsang and his assistant were detained by the Police in January, what followed was not a departmental enquiry but a police enquiry, the result of which satisfied Mr. King, an experienced officer, that there was no evidence against Tsang On-wing, who was therefore discharged from the court without a stain on his character. Did the jury believe that Mr. King would have consented to such a course, had he not been perfectly satisfied, after a thorough investigation that there was no evidence against Tsang?

The next point said Mr. Potter was the most important and one which he could not get over, try as he would. If Tsang was in the swindle, asked Mr. Potter, why was it necessary to steal sixty cheques? That was a point which had never been dealt with by Counsel for the defence. If the handwriting was Tsang's and the signatures were obtained by trick, there was no need to steal the cheques. There was only one explanation for the theft and that was because a forgery was being enacted.

No Other Explanation.

The forgery must have been either of the body of the cheque or of the signatures or both. There was positively no other explanation for the theft of the cheques.

"That point is the keystone of this case," said counsel, "it has never been explained, has never been dealt with. It can't be,

If Tsang was in the swindle why did he report the loss of the sixty cheques to Mr. Messer ten days before the swindle was put through? That would be the last thing Tsang would do, if he was mixed up with it in any way.

"He may be a fool," said Counsel, "but I put it to you, he is not a knave."

Proceeding, Mr. Potter said that when a person was in the witness box he was amenable to the same treatment and to the same cross-examination. He was not claiming for Mr. Messer and Black any special immunity, because one was the accountant of the Treasury. He asked the jury to apply to their evidence the same test as they would apply to the humblest witness. There was one rule which must be followed. If anything is suggested against a witness, counsel must put it to them in order to enable them to refute it.

Routine at the Treasury.

Mr. Messer had said that there was a routine in the Treasury and he invariably followed it. In answer to Counsel he had said that he had never signed blank cheques.

If the defence was that Mr. Messer had signed a blank cheque then the prisoner was guilty. If he, Mr. Potter, put his signature to a blank cheque and another person filled it up with \$1,000 instead of \$500 as Mr. Potter intended then that was forgery.

Mr. Potter said he saw the shadow of the Hongkong Bank behind that defence. If a blank cheque was signed perhaps they could not reclaim the money, but nevertheless it was forgery in criminal law. If the witness had, in reply to Mr. Jenkin, admitted that he signed blank cheques, then as far as the present case was concerned it finished the prisoner.

Mr. Potter said the Hongkong Bank had been clients of his on many occasions but "they have no right to keep you here in an effort to get a decision which they think they might get in another place."

Mr. Jenkin, on the previous afternoon had drawn the jury's attention to the varying statement made by Mr. Black as to whether he did or did not report to Mr. Messer prior to going to the Bank on January 18. Mr. Potter said that the jury had to bear in mind that Mr. Black was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination and was on his guard.

A Scotsman?

He did not know if Mr. Black was a Scotsman, but said that many a shrewd man would be on his guard and if asked whether he spoke to Mr. Messer about the matter would answer exactly. When Mr. Black was asked whether he did report the matter his answer was that he did not report but did speak. If that was the only ground on which Counsel for the defence would attack Mr. Black, then all Mr. Potter could say was that he was very pleased to have such a witness on his side.

Mr. Potter then asked what was the trick that was used to induce Mr. Messer and Mr. Black to sign the four cheques. He put it to the jury, in view of the fact that no trick was suggested to them, that in fact there was no trick at all.

Coming to the statements made by the accused in the first instance, Mr. Potter said that the accused had said that he did not do the forgery of the cheques and that anything he could do in Court, what did the defendant do for the Government in Court? asked Mr. Potter. "Can it be the shadow again, which has fallen across him, which prevented him from doing in Court what he said he was prepared to do?"

Ample Evidence.

Mr. Potter then said he would not waste time by saying who forged the cheques, but said there was ample evidence against the accused both in fact and in law. First, there were his activities in opening his office and three banking accounts. Then there was his opportunity of getting at the cheque book. He had access to the safe where the book was stored. His actually being found in possession of four of the cheques was also to be remembered, and the incident which happened on the morning of January 5, was also of prime importance, which was that on a cheque being returned by the Hongkong Bank, he appeared just before closing time with the Man Lee cheque for \$95,000. There seemed to him, said Mr. Potter, to be ample evidence on which he could find accused actually guilty of forgery.

As regards the suggestion that the Crown case was not proved, Mr. Potter asked that when the jury tested the evidence in the way he had shown them, had they any doubt that the evidence led to one conclusion and one conclusion only. He asked the jury to take the positive evidence of the Crown and to take with it the evidence

of the handwriting which was unexplained, also the miraculous appearance on the three cheques in dispute of all the points he had brought out. He contended that the Crown had overwhelmingly proved, their case.

Judge's Summing-Up.

His Lordship prefaced his summing-up with the following remarks: Gentlemen of the jury, we have now reached the closing stages of this very long trial to which you have listened with so much patience. Counsel for the Crown and counsel for the defence have addressed you at great length on material points and facts in this case, and I feel it unnecessary to go over it again at the same length. It is my duty before you consider your verdict to direct you on the law and sum up the facts. The first point of the case is the indictment. This is framed in formal terms as required by law. It may have sounded very formidable to you but in reality it is very simple. It consists of six charges, (a) three of forgery of the three cheques which are now exhibited before you as A. B. and C. and (2) three of uttering the same cheques.

His Lordship then dealt with the law on the subject as presented by the local Ordinance of 1922, which treats as a forgery any false bill of exchange such as a bank cheque is. He then went on to say that before the jury could convict the accused of forgery they must first be satisfied (1) that the three cheques were forged (2) that the accused forged them and (3) that he did so with intent to defraud. So also before they could convict the accused of forging the cheques, they must be satisfied (1) that the cheques were forged (2) that the accused knew they were forged and (3) that he used them with intent to defraud.

Question of Forgery.

The first point was, whether the cheques were forged. The whole case stood or fell on that first point. If they found the cheques were not forged, then they might find the accused not guilty. In the absence of direct evidence—no one had seen accused do the actual forging—the jury had to draw their own conclusions from the surrounding circumstances, which was a more difficult task and on which they had to proceed with the greatest caution. In this task, they must be guided by the facts connected with the appearance and handling of the cheques as presented by the evidence which had been laid before the Court.

Beside the Point.

The question suggested itself in the first place, whether the exhibits A, B, and C, were good cheques, and if not, were they forgeries? If the cheques had genuine signatures it might have been due to carelessness, or might have been obtained through a trick or fraud to which the accused was or was not a partner, but which was beside the point that the accused was now being tried for forgery and not for fraud.

Both Mr. Black and Mr. Messer, the two Treasury officials principally concerned with the handling of cheques, had stated in no uncertain terms that they did not write or sign the cheques. They said that the signatures found thereon were not theirs. They might have been careless and the cheques might have been obtained by a trick from them. (These were points which His Lordship said would be dealt with later).

Like the Genuine.

For the moment it sufficed that both admitted that the signatures on the cheques were extremely like theirs. It was always well when anyone was charged with forgery to consider whether the "ones" had been actually signed or whether one had been tricked into signing them. The natural course for the police to adopt under the circumstances would be to explore every avenue for the discovery of the truth. Only by doing that would they have something to proceed on. There was no reason why they should explore more in one direction than another.

So one of the very first persons whom they would think of would be the person who filled up the body of the cheques, who in this case was Tsang On-wing. Whether any charges were subsequently withdrawn would not have any material bearing; and in this case it should be remembered that Tsang was 20 days in confinement while these investigations were going on before he was released.

Criminal Records.

"Counsel for the defence asked during the course of the trial for the production of the criminal records in this matter. I had considered it my duty to rule against the application, because I consider it would be injurious to the public welfare to compel production of the Director of Criminal Intelligence's work, produce them," said his Lordship, "Fourthly, with regard to the cheques themselves. In order to

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deceive those who were intended to be deceived by the cheques, the forgery must be more than good. It must be excellent, in order to pass the test of modern scientific examination. There could be little doubt that A, B, and C, were not written by a man like Tsang On-wing. The jury had examined the exhibits in question. They had also examined the three names and writing given by the accused in the three accounts he operated with different banks and questions in cross-examination had been intensive on the difference presented in the respective penmanship of three accounts. They had heard Professor Shellshorn and his theories on mental reaction and the peculiarities which must always be present in one's writing, however much the form of the letters might vary, and which could not have been copied by any clever forger. The jury had had ample facilities for looking at the text-books containing different theories on the subject. These theories might have been sound in themselves, but they know by experience that perfectly scientific theories of long standing and by the best of authorities were sometimes exploded by the test of facts.

Coming to the point of "circumstances" that must be noted before they could establish that the cheques were forgeries, his Lordship described the routine carried on therein as a "mill"—that was to say, the routine connected with these cheques carried the cheques through various departments before they reached the men who were to sign them. He spoke of the importance of the vouchers which accompanied the cheques, and said that for a false cheque to be passed through these many hands without being detected would connote that the whole staff was disgracefully careless.

If anyone of the staff were found to be concerned in the passing of the false cheques, he was still there. The whole staff were still at their posts and it only needed the jury to charge any of them if they thought he or they were responsible.

A Query.

But his Lordship asked the jury:—Could they believe that both Mr. Messer and Mr. Black could be induced to sign three of four cheques for very large amounts without any voucher before them at all? "The system at the Treasury," said the Judge, "had its weak points and quite naturally the most was made of it. I refer to the care of the cheques and the possibility of the cheques being extracted without any clear or intelligent report that should have been made. This Tsang On-wing, I ask you, is he a clever scoundrel, or is he a dupe, or is he a man without a head for an emergency like that? He may have been this last. But surely he should have looked up to see how many cheques were signed for when the cheques came from the Bank, and he should have reported if any were missing. There is still less excuse for him when it happened again, the second time within a few weeks. Had he reported, enquiries would have been made and steps would have been taken before anything serious happened. Considerations arising out of this were of little moment in Court. It did not excuse anybody who participated in an offence, which might have been facilitated by an unintelligent man like Tsang On-wing, commented his Lordship. In concluding, his Lordship directed the jury on the legal procedure to be adopted before a verdict could be brought in on any set of counts standing against the accused.



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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 359. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Thurs., 6th Dec. 1928.
1. Annual Camp.—The following units will proceed to Fanling Camp from Friday evening 7th to Sunday evening, 9th December, 1928.

Mounted Infantry Company, Car and Motor Cycle Sections and Scottish Company.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, 7th December.

All ranks are directed to take the top track to camp i.e. past Mr. Silva's Bungalow, the M. I. Station and through the Gap to camp. The lower track through the fields must not be used.

2. Musketry.

The Scottish Company will fire Part II Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 10th December.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mackenzie.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 14th December, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 15th December, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. Corps Band.

There will be a full Band Practice on Tuesday, 11th December, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

4. The Battery.

Camp. The following are the dates on which The Battery will go into camp at Tai Lam, New Territories this year.

1st weekend p.m. Friday 7th to p.m. 9th December.

2nd weekend p.m. Friday, 14th to p.m. 16th December.

Attendance at camp is a condition for efficiency.

Transport to camp will be provided as follows:

Friday, 7th December by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8th December by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2 p.m.

Friday, 14th December by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 15th December, by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2 p.m.

Any members who cannot parade at Kowloon Ferry at 6 p.m. on the Friday but can reach camp before the 8 a.m. parade on the Saturday mornings must do so.

Dress: Marching order i.e. Helmet, tunic, shorts, puttees, khaki shirt, bandolier, gaiters and boots. Puttees will be worn—Tape at bottom.

All N.C.O.s are reminded that badges of rank in white tape must be worn on khaki shirt. Khaki socks may be worn when off duty in evening.

5. Engineer Company.

Parade at Hecher's Fort on Tuesday, 11th December, at 5.30 p.m. for D. E. L. Training Run. Dress: Uniform or multi optional.

6. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 10th and Thursday, 13th December, at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Multi.

7. Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, 6th December. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

N.B. Everyone should attend the above parade in view of the Machine Gun Competition to be held in camp on December 8 and 9.

Thursday, 13th December. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

8. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Friday, 7th December. Parade at 5.30 p.m. outside Kowloon Railway Station to proceed by road to Fanling Camp. Dress: Tunic, shorts, puttees, hose, helmet, rifle, bandolier, belt, haversack, waterbottle, no sidearms.

Monday, 10th December. There will be no parade.

Motor Cycle Section. Annual Camp. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on Friday, 7th December, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: As for previous camp. A special lighter will be at Hongkong side for transport of machines across the harbour. Machines must be on board by 5.10 p.m.

9. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December, for Machine Gun Instruction under Subsection Commander. Dress: overalls.

Machine Gun Company Dance at the City Hall on Friday, 14th December, at 8 p.m.

Will all those who have not yet applied for tickets please do so through Platoon Commanders or from Corp. Wright No. 1 Platoon or Corp. Beattie, No. 2 Platoon, before noon on Monday, 10th December. It is hoped that all members of the Company will give their full support to ensure a successful and enjoyable evening.

The final dance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 10th December, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

10. Scottish Company.

Camp. The Company will be in camp during the weekend 7th and 9th December.

Thursday, 13th December. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for

MACAO RACES.

ENTRIES & HANDICAPS FOR SUNDAY'S MEETING.

The following are the entries and the handicaps for the twelfth extra race meeting to be held at Macao on Sunday:

The All Out Handicap—Six Furlongs.

May (155), Little Darling (140), Ploughman (140), Movanager (155), Dingbo (152), Doubtful (153), Cavalier (155), Andantino (152), Loyal Henchman (152), Desert Wind (155), Walchow (140), Spring Day (145), Copper Mine (158), Silver Mine (140), The Farmer (160), Tap Slac (150), L. C. Bill (149), Amusement Tax (152).

The Sub-Griffins Handicap—Nine Furlongs.

Mowgli (164), The Farmer (148), The Haugh (156), Twilight Eve (141), Porpothal Motion (141), As You Like It (146), Dingbo (145), Loyal Henchman (145), Andantino (145), Cavalier (148), Caesar (145).

The Macao Handicap—1½ Miles.

Misty Eve (165), Ma Kau Slac (174), My Lady (164), Sunning (156), Bright Prospect (154), Mowgli (157), U-Ua II (150), Ullawater (140), Ching Hoi (140), Zircon II (140), Veloz (140), Wuchang (140), Glory (150), Fanling Stag (145).

The December Novices Race—Once Round.

Dingbo, Ace of Spades, Amusement Tax, L. C. Bill, Branco, Grey Eyes, As You Like It, Copper Mine, Walchow, Desert Wind, Westlake, Sutherland, Cavalier, Monument, Wild Fellow, Doubtful, Aristophanes, Blue World, Twilight Eve, May, Chermal.

The December Selling Plate—Once Mile.

Ace of Spades, Wild Fellow, Cavalier, Andantino, Walchow, Spring Day, Copper Mine, Silver Mine, Tap Slac, Grey Eyes, Ullawater, Branco, The Haugh, Little Darling.

The Macao Fifth Aggregate Stakes—Once Mile.

Caesar, Doubtful, Glory, Bright Prospect, Ma Kau Slac, Wild Fellow, Monument, Sutherland, Westlake, Wuchang, Veloz, Loyal Henchman, Desert Wind, Zircon II, Ching Hoi, Amusement Tax, Misty Eve, My Lady, Sunning, Fanling Stag, Chermal.

Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: multi, as follows:

Nos. 5 and 7. Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Part II will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 10th December. This is the last day allotted to the Scottish Company.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mackenzie.

11. Portuguese Company.

There will be no parades until Friday, 14th December.

12. Reserve Company.

Wednesday, 12th December. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford Truck for Machine Gun firing practice. Dress: Multi.

13. Promotion.

No. 1160 L/Serjt. H. G. Williams, Motor Cycle Section, to be Sergeant, as from 4. 12. 28.

14. Transfer.

No. 1352 Pte. S. M. West, No. 2 Platoon, to be transferred to No. 1 Platoon, as from 1. 12. 28.

15. Leave.

The following N.C.O.s and Men having reported off leave for duty, on the dates shown against each name, the unexpired portion of their leave is cancelled.

No. 80 C.S.M. H. Green, M. G. Coy., from 1. 12. 28.

No. 917 C.Q.M.S. B. E. Maughan, A. S. C. Cadre, from 9. 11. 28.

No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange, Medical Section, from 9. 11. 28.

No. 507 Pte. H. J. Armstrong, No. 1 Platoon, from 1. 12. 28.

No. 1053 Pte. H. A. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon, is granted sick leave from 28. 11. 28, until further order.

16. Struck Off the Strength.

Having claimed the discharge on completion of three years' service or over:

No. 777 Pte. F. E. G. Munn, No. 1 Platoon, as from 17. 10. 28.

No. 929 L/Cpl. F. P. Lenfestey, Engineer Coy., as from 12. 10. 28.

No. 595 Pte. G. W. Sellers, No. 7 Platoon, as from 31. 10. 28.

Having left the Colony, as from 2. 10. 28.

No. 105 Gr. A. W. Roberts, The Battery.

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Notice.

Boxing Tournament. Owing to lack of sufficient entries the Boxing Tournament has been postponed. Entries will be received up to 6 p.m. on Monday, 17th December and if sufficient are forthcoming the Tournament will be held early in February, 1929.

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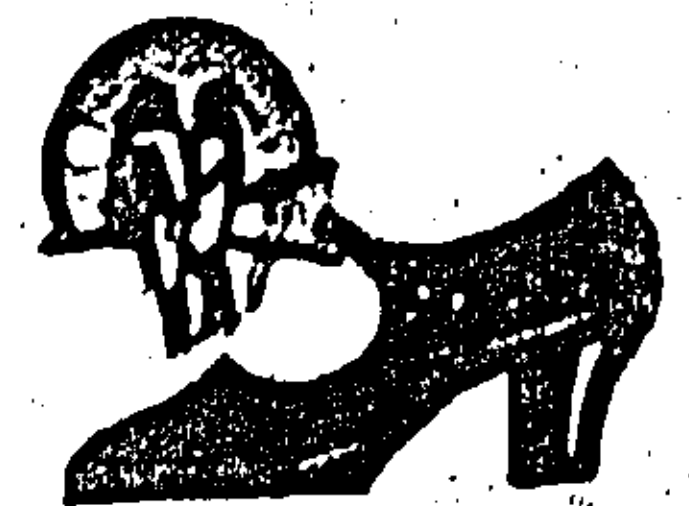


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CARVALHO YEO DEFENCE.

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sary, in spite of the fact that Mr. Messer was available at any time.

Squaring His Statement.

At a later stage of the trial, Mr. Black next said that the only purpose of his going to the Bank was to get those cheques and bring them back to the Treasury on instructions. Counsel had then queried whose instructions were those, to which Mr. Black replied, "Oh, I see, I have to be very careful in the words I use. Then you did see Mr. Messer before you went to the Bank?" Mr. Black's reply was given in the affirmative to this final question.

Mr. Jenkin, commenting on this, said: "There was really no cause for misunderstanding. Mr. Black had clearly given his reasons for not speaking to Mr. Messer and then he tries to get out of the position by saying that it was not necessary to write to Mr. Messer at all, because he regarded it as a small clerical error."

The mentality (to quote the very term used by the prosecution) of witnesses was an important matter for consideration, and if the jury were going to accept evidence of that class—everything which Mr. Black had said—they must first assess the whole worth of its value.

Coming to the evidence of Tsang On-wing, counsel said that there was no getting out from it that this witness knew well that the books had been tampered with after they came from the Bank and whilst they were in the Treasury. He had been given every opportunity in examination and cross-examination to make a considered statement, and his reply on every occasion was as definite as could be that it was on December 27 that he found the cheque books had been tampered with. If he were a much trusted man and knew that he was trusted, why might he not tell Mr. Messer, who might sometimes stand at his desk with the very book with the altered cover held under his nose? Why had he not told Mr. Messer of the shortage of the cheques in the book received from the Bank? Could he brush it aside on the score of curious mentality or an excessively low degree of mentality?

"Anything May Happen."

"All along the line, and at every possible point, he (Counsel) had put it to the jury—Why, if Tsang was as innocent as a new-born babe, was it that he could not have spoken to those people who trusted him and whom he knew trusted him, and to whom he had access at any moment of the day? Why didn't he tell them about those missing cheques; why let Mr. Black walk across to the Bank to find out in the Bank that those cheques were missing? Why should he tell his assistant, as he said, and not Mr. Black who had every right to be informed."

"What do you think of a Treasury that is being run in such a way that it is possible for anything to happen?" asked counsel. "Take Mr. Moosa, who was brought in at a very late stage of the case. Just look at him. Again he tells you that he saw on the prisoner's desk a book of Government cheques, that in the absence of three other Europeans, the prisoner running the risk of being discovered and drawing grave suspicion to himself, was there fingering a book which should have been in the safe, which should have been in the custody of Mr. Moosa. What did he do about it? Nothing, then. But later, when Yeo's name was mentioned in connection with the discovery of the missing cheques, he went and made a report to Mr. Black. Mr. Black asked him to put it down in writing, and then left that very vital matter out. And suddenly he brings it here in the course of the trial. This is what happened. Mr. Moosa handed to Mr. Black, a possibly very important document involving some £100,000 on the accounts amounting to a quarter of a million dollars, and Mr. Black put it in a drawer and forgot all about it."

"I shall not dwell any further on Mr. Moosa. If this is the sort of occurrence going on at the Treasury, where an important document is left in a desk to be forgotten what must we think of the possibility of other mistakes? Unless it is that a quarter of a million dollars here is nothing at

CORRESPONDENCE.

A BEASTLY ACT.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I received through the post to-day a cover, containing a most revolting typewritten "poem" of some four or five pages, addressed to a young lady at her office. Fortunately I am permitted to open this young lady's letters in her absence, and I need not say that she will never see or hear of this putrid collection of filth, which I promptly destroyed.

I have kept the envelope, and shall patiently make every endeavour to trace the sender by the writing.

I have never read anything more revolting, and I earnestly hope that it has not been broadcasted through the post to other young girls. I feel sure that most of it would have been quite unintelligible to the young lady to whom it was addressed, but it is dreadful to think that such hellish beasts as the sender are allowed to breathe God's pure air. One shudders at this person's fate when one remembers our Lord's terrible words of warning to those who would contaminate the pure minds of the young.—Yours, etc., DISGUSTED.

all, or that the Treasury is run on such loose lines that one does not consider this question very seriously. What do you think would have happened in a well-ordered department when a memorandum was sent back from the Bank? At once they would have discovered that the cheque books had been tampered with by looking at the stubs, that the bank serial numbers were on the cheques which had been extracted, and that 30 cheques had gone, etc, etc. They looked up the cash register instead, but never looked at the counterfoils of the cheque books."

In commenting further on his point, counsel referred to that attitude which could repose excessive confidence in a "nice safe in the keeping of a nice custodian."

"I put it with great confidence that in a department like that, one might expect anything."

Question of a Trick.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said—"Gentlemen I am going to refer you to the charge that was originally brought against Tsang On-wing: that those cheques were never intended (and that is absolutely the core of the matter) to be presented or cashed by Mr. Black or Mr. Messer. What I am driving at is this, that at that stage they were working on this trick hypothesis because they alleged: 'I charge you, Tsang and another that you uttered those cheques which purported to be cheques on Government accounts because you knew that Mr. Messer and Mr. Black never intended that they should be cashed or presented.'"

"I shall say now that this procedure adopted on the trick hypothesis was well justified, and is just as well justified now as it was justified then, and the fact that there had been a departmental change of view does not affect the evidence; that the possibility of those cheques having been obtained by a trick is well warranted."

In concluding his address, Mr. Jenkin said that the case necessarily involved evidence extending over a big field, and he had confined himself only to the chief points. He reminded the jury of the presumption of innocence to which an accused man was always entitled, and said it was not to be inferred from his not putting Yeo into the box (a matter which he did entirely on his own responsibility) that he was afraid or terrified at the probable consequences. He maintained still that the case for the Crown as it was presented to them, and as it was closed to them, had left the gravest doubts as to the charges preferred. There had been no proof, nothing extracted from witnesses for the defence, that could advance the case further than it was by the Crown.

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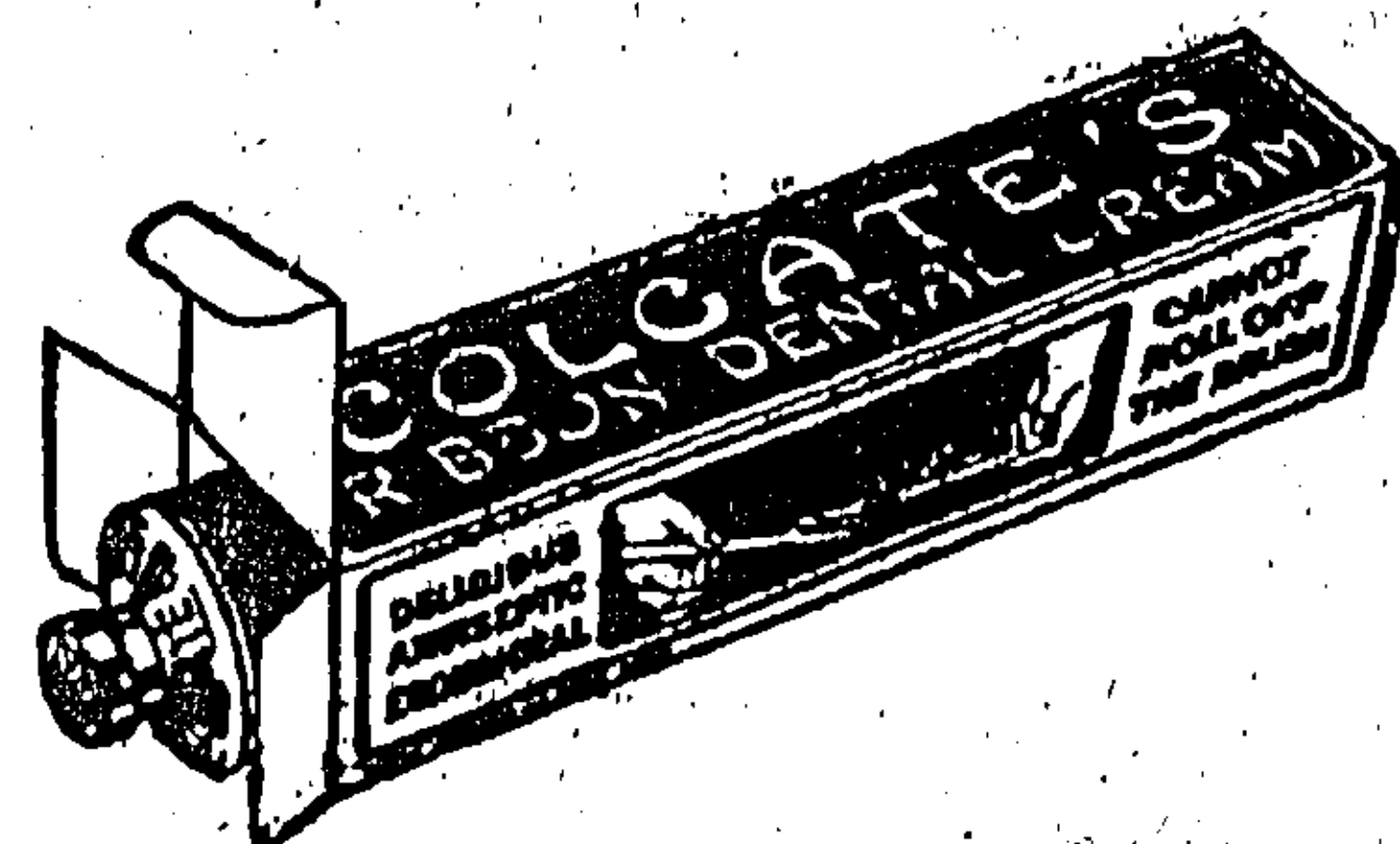
My oldest girl had a sort of skin disease—Eczema—which formed as a pimple and turned into a scab. She had this all over and was suffering terribly with the itching. I took her down to see the Herbalist, and the herbs he gave her fixed her up, fine."

My 8 months' old baby, Albert, still nursing, caught the Flu from me and the poor youngster was awfully bad. His eyes got watery and red and I was worried. But I gave him some of the Poo On Chinese Herbs and they cured him right away."

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MAJOR MILES' LECTURE ON A POPULAR HOBBY.

Whenever the wireless wave strikes a conductor such as an aerial wire, it tries to start a current flowing in it—as a wind tries to set trees shaking—the action being the reciprocal of that which originated the wave: what I mean is that an oscillatory movement of electrons in an aerial starts the wave and the wave tries to start an oscillatory movement of electrons in all the conductors it encounters.

This is where the question of tuning comes in.

You may have noticed that when a piano is played, some notes or other ornament will ring out whenever a particular note is played. This is because the piano note coincides with the natural note or frequency of the wave.

I believe a favourite trick of Curuso's was to pour some water into a wine-glass till it gave a certain note when tapped, and then sing that note and shatter the glass—by reason of the powerful vibrations set up in it by his voice. He tuned the wineglass to the wavelength or frequency of his note by pouring the water in.

A Wireless Receiving Circuit, like the Transmuting Circuit, comprises a combination of inductances and condensers whose values can be adjusted by the receiving operator until the circuit responds most readily to the wave he wishes to receive: he then gets a maximum of response from that wave, and a minimum from other waves of different length.

He merely turns various handles in an intelligent manner, and hears signals first from one station and then from another, until he finds the station he wants.

The signal is made perceptible to the senses generally as a sound in a pair of telephones, but it may be made to produce a mark on a piece of tape or a sensitized photographic film, or a record on a dictaphone, or even to operate a relay mechanism

which finally prints the message straight out.

In order to make the received current work the telephones, it has to be "detected"—that is, turned from a high-frequency current into a direct current and "amplified," or increased in strength.

These operations are performed by the Receiving Valve, whose appearance will be familiar to anyone who has had any dealings with broadcast receivers.

We have now seen that a wireless wave is created by a very rapid vibration of electrons in an aerial wire: that a free wave is emitted which spreads out over the surface of the earth: that the wave on striking another aerial wire tuned to respond to it produces a similar rapid vibration of electrons which, being suitably treated by a wireless receiver, will produce a steady electric current.

We now wish to see how the wave must be maintained in order to affect one of the human senses and convey a meaning.

Three Forms.

This may take one of three forms: Morse Telegraphy, Radio Telegraphy, Television.

The first is easy. The wave is chopped up into long and short impulses by the sender with a morse key, and produces long and short impulses in the receiver telephones—a short and a long meaning "A," a long and 3 shorts "B," and so on.

Morse is invariably used when a message has to be recorded, as it can be sent and received as fast as a man can write, and more accurately than a message dictated by telephone.

The science of wireless telephony is of great interest on account of the popularity and importance of broadcasting, so I will give a brief account of how it is done.

In the first place you should understand that the human voice does not travel as a sound wave from the mouth of the speaker to the ear of the listener any more than it does in the case of line telephony.

In line telephony the speech is turned from a sound wave into a variation of current by means of a

microphone, and from a variation of current back into a sound wave by means of a telephone receiver.

A simple form of telephone circuit comprising microphone, calls and telephone is shown on the board.

When no speech is occurring, a steady current will flow from the cell through the microphone, along the line, and through the telephone.

We may term this current the "carrier" current.

When the microphone is spoken into, this current will be varied in strength, or "modulated," by reason of the alterations in resistance of the microphone caused by the voice.

Suppose for example that a tuning fork tuned to the middle 'C' is sounded near the microphone, then a wave of frequency 250 vibrations per second will be impressed on the carrier current.

The current variations passing through the telephone, will move the telephone diaphragm and the note of the tuning fork will be reproduced.

The same principle is involved in wireless telephony.

A continuous high frequency carrier wave is emitted, which, when "detected" in the receiver, is turned into a steady current.

By means of a microphone the voice of a speaker varies the strength of this wave at the various audible frequencies that go to make up speech, and in consequence the telephones in the receiving circuit reproduce the speech.

So in England every night the ether is set in vibration by numerous carrier waves—the various wavelengths being carefully chosen so as not to interfere with each other—and the voices or saxophone modulate the carrier waves which are reproduced as speech or jazz.

(To be Continued.)

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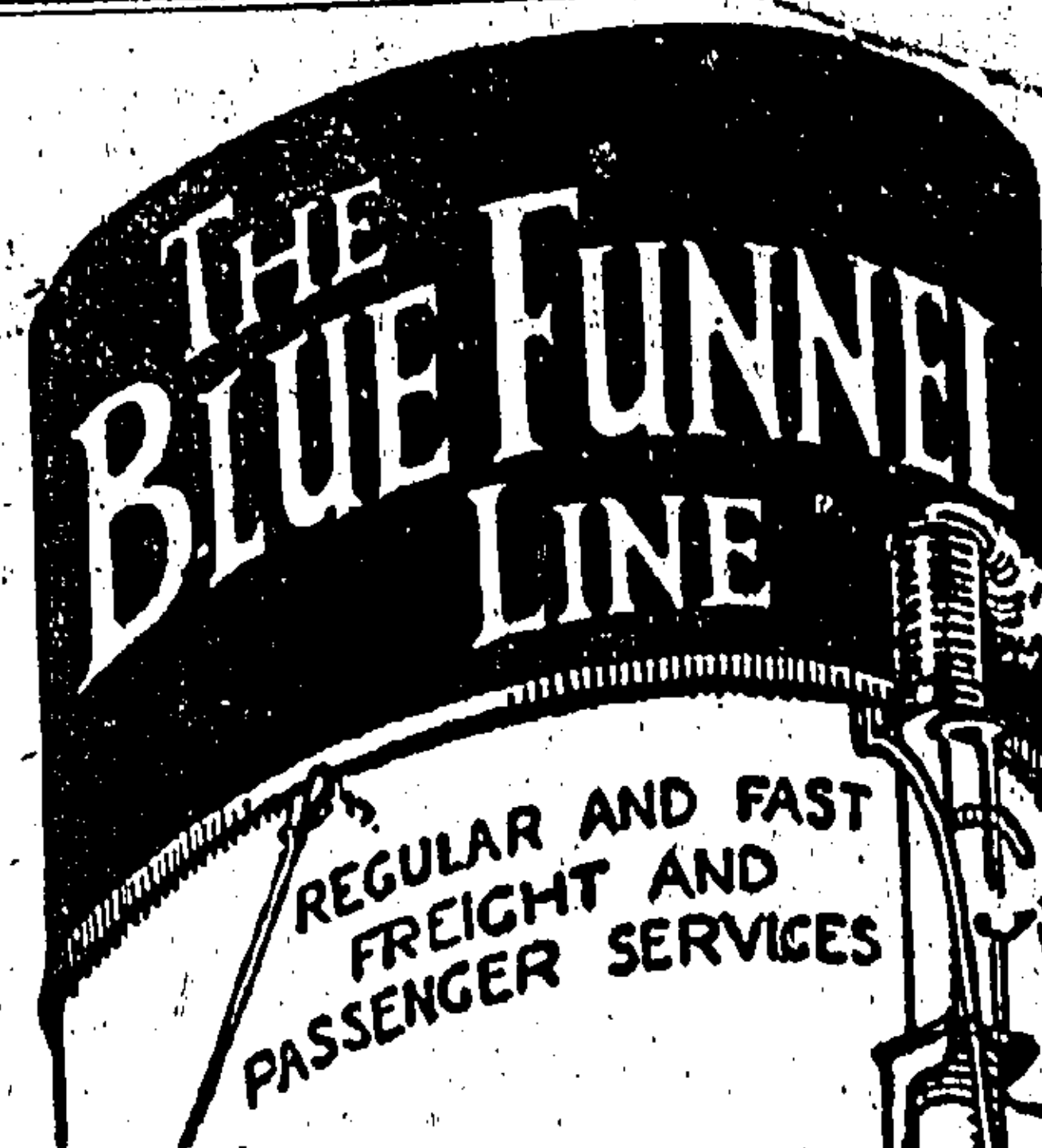
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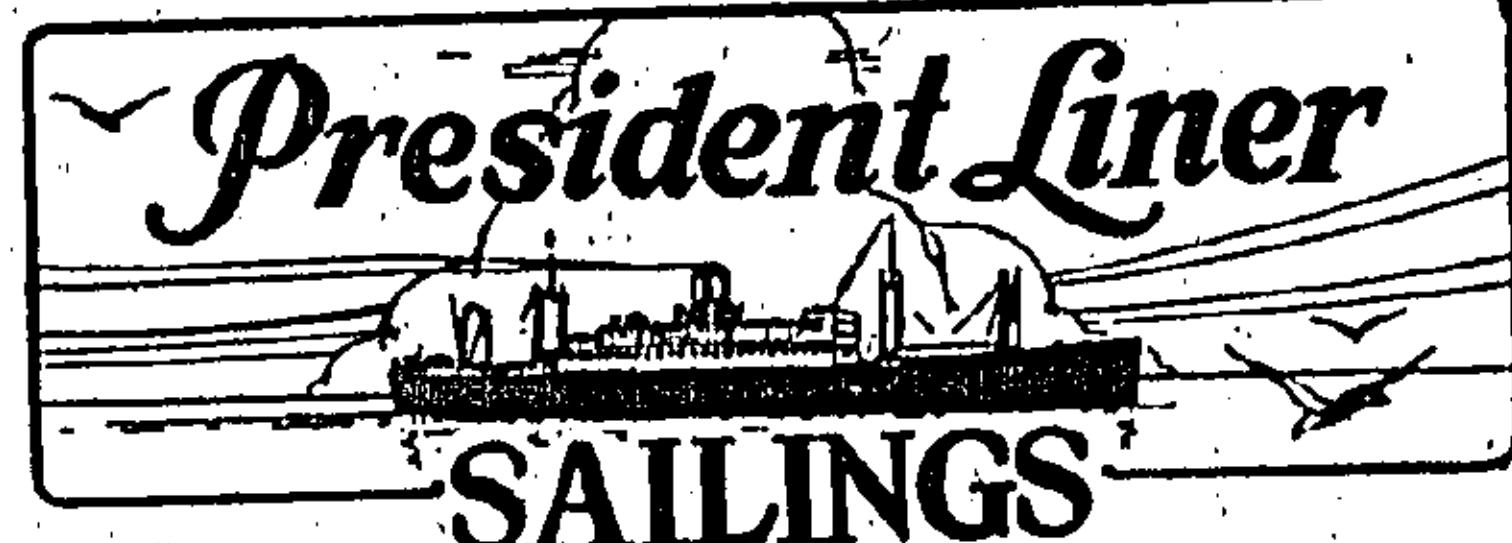
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The Manchuria will be a new arrival to the port, having been previously owned by the Atlantic Transport Co., of West Virginia, and employed elsewhere. She was built as a steel twin screw vessel of 15,445 tons gross and 9,324 tons net, by the New York Shipbuilding Co., of Camden, New Jersey, in 1904. She has a length of 600 feet, beam 65.3 feet and depth of 31.1 feet, engined by the builders to 1923 N.H.P.

She is a recent purchase of the Dollar Line and is equipped with wireless, direction finding apparatus, submarine signalling system and refrigerating machinery, besides which, she has recently undergone a thorough overhaul and refit to comply with the demand of first-class Pacific and round-the-world passenger service.

The vessel is a four masted, single funneled craft of striking appearance, but the names of the officers and other details are not yet available.

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Bangkok, Dec. 5.
As a precaution against pirates on passenger vessels leaving Bangkok for China, searches are now being made for arms and explosives before departure. The shipping firms have agreed that tickets shall be cancelled if their holders fail to facilitate the search.—*Reuter*.

THE COTTON TRADE.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO FINANCIAL ASPECT.

London, Dec. 5.
The report of the cotton trade organisations on the 1928 organisation in the cotton-spinning industry, has been adopted by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

It points out that under the present financial conditions of the industry, trade is handicapped in foreign competition by the high fixed interest charges, and depreciation costs, which need reducing; that capital must be brought into closer relation with present earning capacity; and that a number of large amalgamations of mills should be formed and they should act in co-operation with each other in developing British trade overseas.—*British Wireless*.

SNOOKER CONTEST.

INTERESTING STAGE NOW REACHED.

An interesting stage has now been reached in the Palace Hotel snooker championship, with some of the best players in opposition. The match last night between A. J. Osmond and J. Mitchell was watched by a large gathering, and was most exciting, with Mitchell leading when the last frame commenced, only to be defeated by a fine exhibition on the part of Osmond, whose best break was a 22. The final result was:
A. J. Osmond, 170 (44, 50, 76).
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To-night, at 9 o'clock, A. Lewis will be opposed to F. E. Silva.

IN "TOM JONES."

CAST OF PHILHARMONIC PRODUCTION.

Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith will play the leading feminine role in "Tom Jones," the forthcoming production of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society. As Sophia, Squire Western's daughter, Mrs. Bowes-Smith will have an excellent opportunity of bringing into play the ability which has characterised her other performances in Philharmonic productions.

Almost equal in importance in the opera is the part of Honor, Sophia's maid, which has been entrusted to Mrs. J. Hurst, while Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy will be seen in dual roles, Miss Western and Lady Bellaston.

Mr. D. M. Richards will play the role of Tom Jones, the hero of the piece. The principal humorous character is that of Benjamin Partridge, the barber and general quack, who betrays a marked concern for his leeches. This will be undertaken by Mr. Oscar Eager. Mr. A. J. Brock, another member of the Society who has won laurels previously, and Mr. E. Hanlon will be Squire Western and Mr. Allworthy respectively.

The remainder of the cast will be as follows:

Bill Mr. E. G. Canniford.
Gregory Mr. P. Hale.
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Lettie Wheatcroft Miss R. Cole.
Rosalie Lucas Miss M. J. Stewart.
Susan Betty Miss E. D. G. Aris.
Peggy Mrs. D. M. Richards.
In addition to an excellent cast of principals a strong chorus has been assembled and a successful premiere is promised for the night of December 14.

SHANGHAI'S REVENUE.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS LIKELY TO CREATE NEW RECORD.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.
All indications are that Shanghai's Customs revenue for 1928 will exceed the record figure of thirty-two million reached in 1926, despite the fact that the first two months of this year were below the relatively low figures of last year.

It was not till May that receipts rose appreciably. Last month's receipts were more than three million taels, an increase of more than a million over November last year.

The total receipts for eleven months are nearly thirty million, which is six million more than for the same period last year. It is felt that December will easily provide sufficient to break the 1926 record.

The increase is due to imports, which are coming in increasing quantities in order to avoid the proposed new duties of 1929. Well-informed circles state that the revenue all over the country is likely to show a decided increase this year.—*Reuter*.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godown of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 10th December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamship must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 17th December, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

General Average.

s.s. TANGO MARU.

(Arrival date indefinite at present).

It is hereby notified that the s.s. Tango Maru, having cargo on board from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Thursday Island, stranded at Ghibber Rock near the last-named port on 3rd November, 1928, and in consequence General Average has been declared.

Some part of the cargo on board the above steamer is expected to arrive here by the s.s. "Changste" on or about 7th December.

Consignees of cargo from the aforesaid ports are requested to sign G. A. Bond at our office and to pay a deposit of fifteen (15) per cent. of the valuation of their consignments before Bills of Lading will be countersigned for delivery.

BAND CONCERT.

NEXT PROGRAMME AT THE GARDENS.

The next Public Band Concert is to be given by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the Botanic Gardens, on Sunday, December 16, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.

So popular did the previous Sunday afternoon concert prove to be that the organisers are providing extra seating accommodation, a few specially comfortable and well-placed chairs being made available at an extra charge of 50 cents.

As previously, entrance into the Gardens will be free, and there will be a 50 cents enclosure with seating accommodation.

We learn that Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle is arranging another splendid programme, and there should again be a large attendance.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"CHEVONCEAUX"

arrived Hongkong on 1st Dec., 1928.

from MARSEILLES &c., also bringing cargo from BORDEAUX, COGNAC &c. ex s.s. "FORMIGNY"

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Monday the 10th December, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Friday the 7th December, 1928.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1928.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"PORTHOS"

Arrived Hongkong on 5th December, 1928.

from MARSEILLES &c., also bringing cargo from COGNAC &c. ex s.s. "ROLLON" and cargo from LA PAULLE &c. ex s.s. "LIEUT. DE LA TOUR."

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday the 14th December, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 11th December, 1928.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1928.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship

"CHIEF MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 11th December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1928.

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Dakar Maru Friday, 21st Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

Ceylon Maru Monday, 10th Dec.

Morioka Maru Sunday, 16th Dec.

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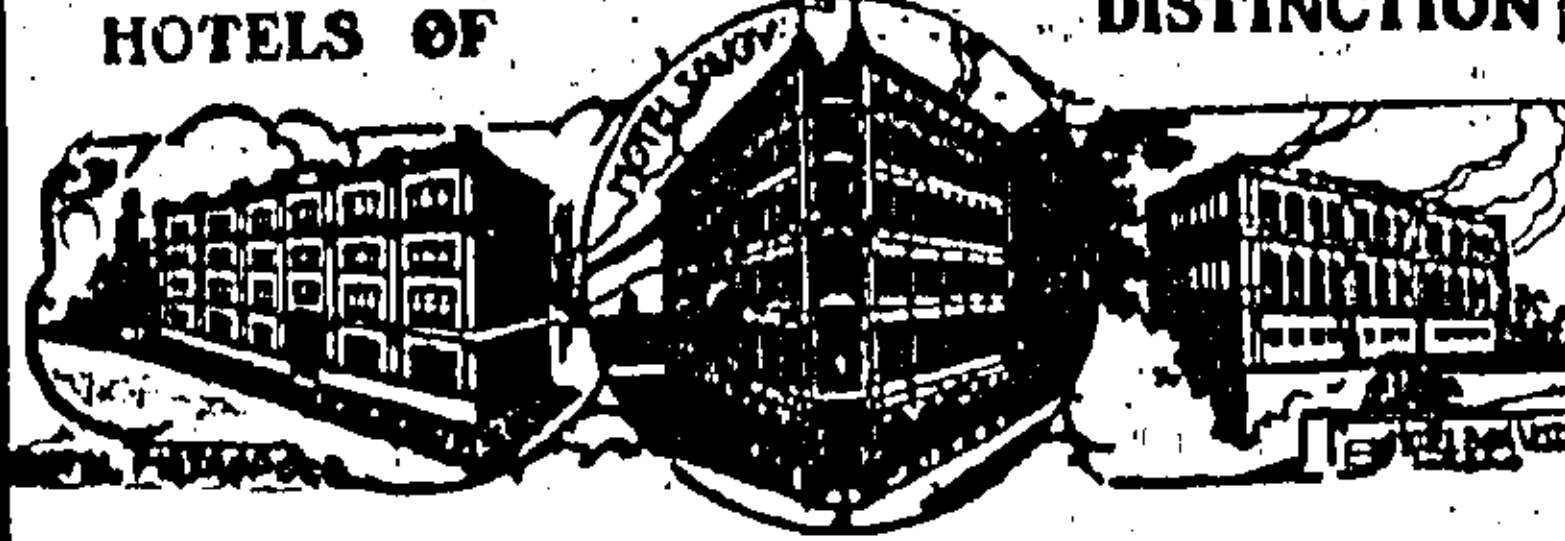
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COMMODORE HILL'S ARRIVAL.

TO TAKE OVER HIS DUTIES TO-MORROW.

HIS NAVAL CAREER.

Captain R. A. S. Hill arrived in Hongkong by the P. and O. s.s. Mantua to-day to take over the duties of Commodore in succession to Commodore J. L. Pearson. Shortly after the Mantua had berthed, the broad pennant of the new Commodore was hoisted in H.M.S. Petersfield.

At sunset to-day, Commodore Pearson will strike his flag in H.M.S. Tamar, while at eight o'clock to-morrow morning the pennant of the new Commodore will be transferred from the Petersfield to H.M.S. Tamar.

It is understood that Commodore Pearson will sail for Home on Saturday and that a farewell gathering in his honour is being held at Government House to-night.

The new Commodore, has been in the Service since January, 1894, and specialised as a navigator. He was during the Somali campaign in 1902-3, and when the late war began was commander (N) of the flagship King Edward VII. of the Grand Fleet. After the loss of that vessel by mine in January, 1916, he moved with Vice-Admiral Bradford and staff into the Britannia.

From December, 1916, he served aboard the King George V. Flagship of Vice-Admiral de Robeck, also in the Grand Fleet, and was promoted to Captain in December, 1918. He afterwards became Flag-Captain to Admiral de Robeck in the Mediterranean. Head of the Naval Personnel Committee, and Flag-Captain to Rear-Admiral W. W. Fisher in the Barham. Commodore Hill is a qualified interpreter in French.

SEVEN DAYS FOR A STOWAWAY.

MADE TO WORK ON THE TELEMACHUS.

Because the man had been made to work, Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, dealt leniently with a Chinese who was charged with stowing away on board the s.s. Telemachus from Singapore.

In reply to the charge, the defendant pleaded guilty, but said that he had been made to work by the captain.

Mr. H. Wellan, chief engineer, confirmed this remarking that after the defendant was found behind the boats on the upper deck, he was given seaman's work to do.

His Worship, imposing sentence of seven days' hard labour, said that he did not want to encourage the defendant but if he had been given work it made a considerable difference.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR AUSTRIA.

SCHOOLMASTER APPOINTED TO OFFICE.

Vienna, Dec. 5. Wilhelm Miklass, a schoolmaster, has been elected President of the Republic.

President Hainisch's term expires on Saturday. He has been President for two terms of four years each, and is unable, according to the Constitution, to fill a third term.—*Reuter.*

BIG U. S. FINANCIAL MERGER.

EXPRESS COMPANIES TO BE UNITED.

New York, Dec. 5. It is understood that plans are being prepared to unite the wealthy Express Companies of the United States into a Securities Corporation with a potential capital of \$200,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Sir Robert Wallace, at London Sessions intimated that next Sessions he would impose a penalty of £300 on Domenico Antoniani, a bookmaker, who pleaded guilty to using premises in Market-street, W., known as the New Raleigh Club, for betting and gambling. He added that the man must come with the money. Josephine Antoniani, wife of Domenico Antoniani, pleaded guilty to keeping the first floor of a building in Great Newport-street, known as the New Leicester Club, for unlawful gaming and was fined £75.

AMERICAN BUDGET SUBMITTED.

NAVAL BUILDING TO THE FORE.

"BIG NAVY" GROUP SURPRISED AT PRESIDENT.

\$28,000,000 FOR AVIATION

Washington, Dec. 5. President Coolidge has submitted the budget to Congress providing for a total expenditure of \$33,781,000,000, and an estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$16,000,000.

The total appropriations for public services exceed last year's by \$224,000,000; the largest item being that for national defence which stands in the budget at \$649,000,000 compared with \$627,000,000 granted for the year which is now coming to an end.

The retiring President warned the House of Representatives that the country cannot assume great additional expenditure without jeopardising the present favourable outlook.

Fighting Forces.

The Budget separately allows the \$349,000,000 to the Navy, \$444,000,000 to the Army, and \$141,000,000 to aviation, under which heads items are included which are not classified as national defence.

Almost without debate, the Representatives passed the Bill submitted by Mr. F. A. Britten, the chairman of the naval affairs committee, authorising the expenditure of \$15,000,000 approximately to cover necessary alterations and repairs to the battleships, U.S.S. Arizona and U.S.S. Pennsylvania.

New Naval Works.

The House of Representatives also passed a measure authorising the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the construction of new naval works at some twenty naval stations in the United States and foreign possessions.

The morning newspapers draw special attention to a sentence in President Coolidge's address to Congress yesterday, in which he requested that the date for completion, namely July 1931, be omitted from the plan for laying down the keels of fifteen new cruisers.

"Big Navy" Men Surprised.

The Press declares that the "Big Navy" men are particularly surprised at this request as the President's Armistice Day speech seemed to favour the building of the cruisers forthwith.

This group is arguing that if the date is left to the discretion of the President, the project is at once reduced to a "blue-print Navy"—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH MINERS' DISTRESS.

NATIONAL APPEAL LAUNCHED BY MAYORS.

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.

London, Dec. 5. A national appeal on behalf of the distressed miners in the stricken coalfields, especially South Wales and Durham, was launched at a meeting of the Lord Mayors and Mayors of England and Wales held in London this afternoon.

H.M. the Queen, replying to a message of sympathy from the Conference, wrote: "It is the earnest hope of the King and myself that the appeal will meet with the ready response it deserves."

The fund already raised now totals £120,000, which is hopelessly inadequate to deal with the situation brought about by abnormal unemployment, and the fact that many have been deprived of unemployment benefit.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister for Health, in the course of a letter to the Conference, said that something must be done to prevent the unfortunate miners from sinking into irretrievable exhaustion and ruin.

The Minister of Health recently received a Miners' Deputation which urged that Boards of Guardians should be financially assisted to provide adequate relief, and that financial assistance should be given to local authorities to carry out work which would absorb the unemployed.—*Reuter.*

Export sales at the Cycle and Motor-Cycle Exhibition at Olympia, broke all records.

RAILWAY DEBT TO HONGKONG.

CONSIDERED BY THE CANTON POLITICAL COUNCIL.

NANKING TO DECIDE.

The question of the debt owing to the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway by the Chinese section was dealt with at a meeting of the Canton Branch Political Council held on Friday last, which was presided over by Marshal Li Chai-sum. Others present were General Wong Shao-hung, Mr. Fung Cho-man, and Mr. Lam Wan-ko.

At a previous meeting, the Council had decided that the reimbursement be made as soon as the receipts of the railway had sufficiently increased, and Mr. Ma Shao-tsun, the Commissioner of Reconstruction for Kwangtung, now asked for further instructions.

It was decided to transmit the case to the Central Political Council in Nanking for decision and instructions.

According to the last annual report of the British section of the Railway, claims outstanding against the Chinese section on account of suspension of through and joint sectional traffic, hire of rolling stock and demurrage were increased last year by \$71,320.09, bringing the total outstanding to \$993,449.22.

Of this sum, no less than \$935,302.75 is represented by suspension of traffic (1923 to 1927), which the Administration of the Chinese section does not admit.

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

CHIEF OFFICER FACES SERIOUS CHARGES.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office this afternoon to investigate charges against Mr. J. Scully, late Chief Officer of the s.s. Chuen Chow, involving allegations of drunkenness and misconduct whilst that vessel was en route to Macao on November 24, and at Macao, on November 25. The log entries of the dates in question, including remarks relative to the arrest of the officer by the Macao police, were put in evidence.

The enquiry was called for by the Harbour Master and the constitution of the Court was as follows:—Mr. W. H. Hosegood, (Deputy Harbour Master) President; Lieut. Commr. J. E. Caffin, H.M.S. Cumberland; Captain R. T. Hughes, master of the s.s. Tyndareus; Captain E. B. Bishop, master of the s.s. Chaksang; Captain H.W. Walker, master of the s.s. Kwong Tung.

Mr. Scully was appointed to the s.s. Chuen Chow on the recent completion of that vessel at the Kwong Fook Cheong Shipyard and was the holder of a river master's certificate. He signed on for the maiden trip of the s.s. Chuen Chow, leaving here for Macao at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 24. The subsequent developments were related in the charges, read in open Court.

Defendant pleaded guilty, being legally represented.

The case is proceeding.

"RAMONA."

POWERFUL FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Ramona," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, can be classed amongst the big pictures. It is a simple love story, told with power and pathos, to say nothing of the real art displayed in the production. Set in California in the early days, during the Spanish occupation, it recounts the romance of a half-Indian brought up as an adopted daughter in a Spanish household, who falls in love with a handsome young Indian, only to find tragedy and sorrow, offset in the end by peaceful happiness with her former Spanish lover.

The tale is finely told, even if it is rather long drawn out and somewhat sombre in some of its aspects. But there are compensating features, notably the magnificent scenery and the powerful acting of the principals. Of these, Dolores del Rio is the most prominent. She fills the title role and her work represents a triumph of fine acting. Warner Baxter as the young Indian is also most impressive, and a word must be added regarding Vera Lewis as the dominating old Spanish senora, a part which she interprets to perfection.

We can commend the film as distinctly above the ordinary picture and as showing Dolores del Rio at her very best.

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